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Street exit of the subject's residence, Jefferson Hall, McLean Gardens Development, 3685 38th Street, N.W.

At 8:30 P.M., subject left her residence, entered

[redacted] car, and they both drove to [redacted] and entered the apartment building located at this address at which [redacted] had recently obtained an apartment, he having formerly roomed at [redacted]

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February 1, 1949

At 5:40 P.M., subject COPLON and [redacted] drove to 19th Street, where they left the car and purchased groceries in a Safeway Grocery Store at 2011 S Street, N.W. At 6:13 P.M. they left the grocery store and proceeded on foot to [redacted] apartment building at [redacted] which they entered. At 8:03 P.M., they left [redacted] apartment building, walked to the Crystal City Restaurant, 20th & R Streets, N.W., had dinner and returned to [redacted] where they remained until 9:48 P.M., at which time they left, [redacted] driving her to her residence at McLean Gardens.

February 2, 1949

At 9:07 A.M., subject left her residence, boarded a streetcar, which she rode to the corner of 12th and Pennsylvania Avenue, where she alighted and stopped in a drug store for breakfast, after which she continued to the Department of Justice Building, arriving at 9:57 A.M.

At 5:38 P.M. subject and [redacted] left the Justice Building, driving to [redacted] During the time that she was observed, COPLON was carrying a large manila envelope about 9 x 12" in size. When [redacted] reached his residence, he left subject out of the car and then proceeded to drive his car approximately a block to 19th Street, where he parked and then returned to [redacted] Subject in the meantime had entered the apartment building located at this address, having met an unknown man just in front of the building. She and this unknown man apparently entered the apartment building together. He is described as 5' 9" tall, stocky build, brown hair (sparse on top and in back but full on sides), wearing no hat, light tan coat, white, age about 27.

At 6:35 P.M., the subject, [redacted] and unknown male left the apartment building, walked to [redacted] car and drove to McLean Gardens, where they entered and had dinner at the McLean Gardens Cafeteria. At 8:05

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P.M., COPLON left her companions in the cafeteria and walked to her residence. She was not observed leaving her residence again that night. Her companions, in the meantime, after finishing their meal, reentered their car and drove off.

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Washington T-2 advised on February 2, 1949 that SHAPIRO intended having dinner that evening with LOUIS MOSES, an employee of the Defense Housing Coordinator and that SHAPIRO intended meeting him at his apartment at around 6:00 P.M. The current Washington, D.C. telephone directory reflects LOUIS MOSES residing at 812 Jefferson Street, N.W.

February 3, 1949

At 8:37 A.M. subject left her residence and proceeded to the Department of Justice Building by streetcar and bus arriving there at 9:08 A.M. Subject was observed to be carrying a brown manila envelope approximately 10 x 12" in size and 3/8" to 1/2" in thickness when she left her residence and she was further observed to be carrying this when she entered the Department of Justice Building.

It should be noted that on January 31, 1949, Washington T-3 advised that COPLON had been in contact with [redacted] of the State Department and that he had requested her to obtain for him material from the files of the F.A.R.S. concerning the National Counsel for American-Soviet Friendship. Informant stated that COPLON was reluctant to furnish this information to [redacted] without a formal request from the State Department to the Department of Justice but she indicated after some thought that she would do so.

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It should be pointed out that it is not known what might have been in the manila envelope which the subject carried home with her on February 2nd but the possibility exists that it might have been material concerning the National Counsel of Soviet Friendship, which subject intended summarizing for [redacted]

It is further pointed out, however, that Washington T-2 advised on February 3, 1949 that Miss COPLON had issued a press release on that date and it is quite possible that she carried material concerning this release home with her on the preceding day.

It is further pointed out that from February 1, 1949 to February 9, 1949, excluding Saturday and Sunday, February 5 and February 6, 1949, a surveillance was maintained daily

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on Annex #1, State Department, 401 23rd Street, N.W., but COPLON was not observed to appear in this vicinity. COPLON, however, met [redacted] for lunch on February 9, 1949, which meeting was being set out under that date. ~~SECRET~~

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Washington T-2 advised on February 16, 1949 that COPLON had furnished to ANNE P. KOMANDORAS, Secretary to [redacted] information concerning the finances, dues, activities, purposes and aims of the National Counsel of American Soviet Friendship and of the Friends of the Soviet Union. Informant stated that COPLON claimed to have gotten this information from a memorandum of LOUIS NEMZER dated September 1945, from the Dies reports and from a source which COPLON declined to disclose.

At 11:15 A.M. on this date, subject left the Department of Justice Building on foot, stopped in a shoe repair shop, entered a department store and then went to a drug store where she had lunch. She left the drug store at 12:45 P.M., entered two department stores and returned to the Department of Justice Building at 1:45 P.M.

At 5:25 P.M., the subject left the Justice Building and with HAROLD SHAPIRO in his car, after stopping at a grocery store, they proceeded to his apartment to 1906 R Street, N.W., arriving at 6:08 P.M. At 6:50 P.M. COPLON and SHAPIRO left his residence and proceeded to the Ivy Terrace Restaurant at 1634 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., where they had dinner. At 7:41 P.M., COPLON and SHAPIRO left the restaurant, proceeded to his car and after driving around for awhile, proceeded to COPLON'S residence, Jefferson Hall, McLean Gardens, where he left her off at 8:30 P.M.

Feb. 4, 1949

At 5:40 P.M., COPLON left the Justice Building, proceeded to her residence by bus and streetcar. At 7:10 P.M., she met HAROLD SHAPIRO outside of her residence and drove with him to Sears and Roebuck Company, Wisconsin Avenue and Eastern Blvd., N.W.; then to Peoples Drug Store and Kresge's 5 & 10 ¢ Store, both near this location; then drove to 501 23rd Street, N.W. At 8:16 P.M., COPLON got out of the car and entered residence at 501 23rd Street, N.W., leaving this residence at 8:40 P.M., returning to SHAPIRO'S car at which time both drove to Madison Place, N.W., leaving car and walked to the Old Ebbit Grill, 1427 F Street, N.W., SHAPIRO stopping momentarily at the box office of the Play House Theatre. It should be noted that 501 23rd Street, N.W., is the residence of PERRY MAE BARNES, a colored dressmaker and that Washington T-2 and T-3 have advised that subject frequently contacts BARNES apparently for the purpose of having clothing made or altered. At 9:18 P.M., this date, COPLON and SHAPIRO, left the Old Ebbit Grill and entered the Play House Theatre at 9:35 P.M. after stopping for approximately 5 minutes in the drug store nearby. ~~SECRET~~

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At 11:30 P.M., subject and SHAPIRO left the Play House Theatre and drove to his residence, 1906 R Street, N.W. This surveillance was discontinued at midnight, subject not having left SHAPIRO'S apartment.

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February 5, 1949

Surveillance was commenced on this date at 1906 R Street, N.W., which is the residence of HAROLD SHAPIRO.

At 1:00 P.M., subject and SHAPIRO left this address, walked to SHAPIRO'S car and drove to 501 23rd Street, N.W., where they picked up a colored girl and drove back to SHAPIRO'S apartment house, all three then entering. At 1:30 P.M., subject and SHAPIRO left his apartment and drove to subject's residence when she entered, he waiting in his car. At 1:55 P.M., the subject reentered SHAPIRO'S car and drove off. For security reasons, agents proceeded at quite some distance behind SHAPIRO'S car and he was no longer observed after turning on to Wisconsin Avenue just after leaving subject's residence.

At 4:40 P.M., COPLON and SHAPIRO entered the apartment building at 1906 R Street, N.W., and remained until 9:15 P.M., at which time both left the building, COPLON then getting into a cab and proceeding alone to her residence.

February 6, 1949

At 11:25 A.M., the subject left her residence and proceeded to the McLean Gardens cafeteria. At 12:15 P.M., she left the cafeteria with an unidentified man about 38 years old; height 5' 8"; weighing 155 pounds; with dark brown hair; dark complexion and Jewish appearance. He walked with subject for a short distance, then returned to the cafeteria, she continuing to her residence.

Washington T-3 advised that the individual who accompanied subject from the cafeteria was a casual acquaintance of the subject, who resides in McLean Gardens and that she had met him by chance in the cafeteria. At 5:20 P.M., HAROLD SHAPIRO parked near the rear exit of the subject's residence. The subject came out, entered his car and they drove off. Subject and SHAPIRO were not again observed until 7:20 P.M., at which time, they were seen driving near SHAPIRO'S residence, after which he parked his car and both walked to Schwartz' Drug Store,

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corner R Street and Connecticut Avenue, where they remained until 7:32 P.M., at which time they walked to SHAPIRO'S residence at 1906 R Street, N.W., and entered. At 12:05 P.M., subject and SHAPIRO left this address and drove to her residence.

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At 5:40 P.M., the subject and HAROLD SHAPIRO left the Department of Justice Building in his car and drove to 501 23rd Street, N.W., where subject alighted and entered by herself. At 6:10 P.M., the subject came out of the residence at 501 23rd Street, carrying what appeared to be a dress box under her arm, reentered SHAPIRO'S car and proceeded to the Nanking Cafe, where they had dinner.

At 7:25 P.M., subject and SHAPIRO left the cafe and drove to 1906 R Street, where they entered the building together. At 8:44, subject and SHAPIRO left this apartment building, entered his car and drove to Wisconsin Avenue and Rodman Street, where subject alighted and walked alone to her residence in Jefferson Hall, SHAPIRO driving off.

February 8, 1949

At 8:20 A.M., the subject left her residence and proceeded by streetcar and bus to the Department of Justice Building, arriving at 8:55 A.M. At 12:20 P.M., the subject and HAROLD SHAPIRO proceeded on foot from the Department of Justice Building to Woodward and Lothrop Department Store, then to the Kitcheteria of the Harrington Hotel, where they had lunch. At 1:45 they left the Kitcheteria, proceeded to the Justice Building, which they entered. At 5:45 P.M., the subject left the Department of Justice Building and proceeded to her residence by bus and streetcar, arriving home at 6:25 P.M. No further activity was noted on this date.

February 9, 1949

At 8:10 A.M., instant date, subject left her residence and proceeded to the Department of Justice Building by streetcar and bus, entering the building cafeteria at 8:45 A.M. At 12:25 P.M., COPLON left the Department of Justice Building and proceeded to Cere's Restaurant, 1307 E. Street, N.W., where she met an individual described as approximately

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32 to 37 years of age; 5' 10½" in height; weight 170-175 pounds; complexion medium; hair, short, black, flecked with gray; long Roman nose; slightly stooped; wearing shell rimmed glasses, gray topcoat and brown suit. This meeting appeared to be pursuant to an appointment.

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After dining at the restaurant, they left at approximately 1:20 P.M. and proceeded to the front of Garfinkel's Department Store on F Street, between 14th and 15th Street, N. W., where they conversed and walked aimlessly around. Shortly thereafter the subject entered the department store alone and the man boarded a Riverside Stadium bus and proceeded to Annex 1, State Department, 401 23rd Street, where he entered room 412, the door of which bore the lettering "Division of Passports and Communications."

It is noted that the current State Department directory lists [redacted] as being assigned to room 412, State Department, Annex 1. The subject was not observed to have passed any document or article to [redacted] within observation of SA's ROBERT L. SMELTZER and ROBERT E. LEONARD.

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At 5:45 P.M., subject departed from the Department of Justice Building with HAROLD SHAPIRO, who was driving and proceeded to Woodward and Lothrop Department Store, where subject left the car, entered the store and after remaining for 5 minutes, returned to SHAPIRO's car, in which he had remained parked near the store. They then proceeded to drive to 601 23rd Street, N. W., subject again alighting and entering this residence, SHAPIRO remaining parked in the car. It is noted that this is the residence of PERRY MAE BARNES, dressmaker, previously mentioned in this report.

At 6:20 P.M., subject and SHAPIRO drove to the Giant Food Store at Wisconsin and W Place, N. W., purchased a large quantity of groceries and then drove to subject's residence, Jefferson Hall, McLean Gardens, where subject entered, SHAPIRO remaining in the car. At 7:20 P.M., subject returned to the car, and she and SHAPIRO drove to 1906 R Street, N. W., where both entered after parking his car.

February 10, 1949

At 8:29 A.M., subject left her residence and proceeded by streetcar and bus to the Department of Justice Building, which she entered at 9:17 A.M., after eating breakfast at the

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Executive Pharmacy on Pennsylvania Avenue between 9th and 10th Streets, N.W.

At 5:45 P.M., subject left the Department of Justice Building and proceeded to her residence by bus and streetcar entering at 6:25 P.M. At 7:50 P.M., HAROLD SHAPIRO was observed in his car driving in the vicinity of subject's residence. Subject left her residence, entered his car and they drove to the McLean Gardens Cafeteria, where they had dinner. At 8:50 P.M., the subject and SHAPIRO left the cafeteria and proceeded in his automobile to 1906 R Street, N.W., where they entered.

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February 11, 1949

At 8:21 A.M., subject left her residence and proceeded to the Department of Justice Building, which she entered at 9:21 A.M., after having breakfast at the Executive Pharmacy on Pennsylvania Avenue between 9th and 10th Streets, N.W.

At 1:30 P.M., subject left the Department of Justice Building, walked to Woodward and Lothrop's Department Store, where she shopped for approximately 10 minutes and then proceeded to Becker's leather Goods Shop at 1314 F Street, N.W.

At 2:10 P.M., the subject left Becker's, walked to People's Drug Store, corner of 14th and New York Avenue, which she entered. It should be noted that the above drug store was crowded as was the immediate vicinity. To insure a discreet surveillance, COPLON was not followed in the drug store, as it was known that she had a hairdresser's appointment at 1764 K Street, at 2:30 P.M. on that date. At 2:40 P.M., this surveillance was discontinued as the subject had not been observed to come out, she apparently having departed from an unobserved exit.

At 5:22 P.M., subject left Paul Hair Dresser, 1764 K Street and proceeded on foot to 1732 I Street, at which address she entered. Subject remained in this building for 6 minutes and her activity while therein was not observed or ascertained. At 5:31, she left this building, entered a drug store at 17th and I Streets, N.W., and made a telephone call. After which, she left the drug store and entered a number of women's ready-to-wear shops on Connecticut Avenue. The subject was last observed at this time at 5:59 P.M. and surveillance was instituted at 1906 R Street, N.W. At 7:15 P.M., the subject and HAROLD SHAPIRO left 1906 R Street and drove to subject's residence, where subject got out of car and entered her residence, SHAPIRO remaining

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parked in his car. At 7:30 P.M., subject left her residence, reentered SHAPIRO'S car and then proceeded to Alphonso's Restaurant, 1403 L Street, N.W., where they had dinner. At 8:45 P.M., subject and SHAPIRO left the restaurant and drove to 1906 R Street, where subject left his car and entered, SHAPIRO following a few minutes later after parking his car. This surveillance was discontinued at 11:40 P.M. and subject was not observed leaving this address.

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February 12, 1949

On this date, surveillance was maintained alternately between the subject's residence at 3685 38th Street, N.W., and SHAPIRO'S residence at 1906 R Street, N.W. The subject's blind remained drawn in her room the entire day, and she was first observed at 6:03 P.M., when she and SHAPIRO drove up in the vicinity of her residence, when she entered, returning a few minutes later. From there, they drove to the Administration Building of the McLean Gardens Development and entered the building cafeteria, where they ate. At 6:45, they left the cafeteria, returned to SHAPIRO'S car, and drove to subject's residence, where subject got out of car and entered, SHAPIRO driving off alone. At 8:50 P.M., COPLON left her residence and proceeded on foot to the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Porter Streets, N.W., where she stood waiting and was shortly thereafter joined by a girl believed to be [redacted] a girl friend who resides in [redacted]

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[redacted] At 8:58 P.M., the subject and [redacted] entered a taxi cab and were driven to 1906 R Street, N.W., where they got out of the cab and entered the apartment house located at this address. At 10:20 P.M., a 1942 Pontiac sedan, bearing current Virginia license 596-444 was observed to drive to 1906 R Street and park just across the street from this address. The occupants of this automobile were not observed but a check with the Virginia Registrar of Motor Vehicles revealed that this license was issued to NATHAN B. LENVIN, 4653 36th Street, South Fairlington, Virginia. At 1:13 A.M., on February 13, 1949, two couples were observed leaving 1906 R Street. They proceeded on foot and entered a 1948 Pontiac convertible automobile, bearing current D.C. license N-5213.

A check of the District Registrar of Motor Vehicles reflected this number registered in the name of [redacted]

[redacted] Washington, D.C. Both [redacted] and LENVIN are employed as attorneys by the Department of Justice and information concerning them is contained in another section of this report.

At 1:32 A.M., a couple left 1906 R Street and entered the 1942 Pontiac sedan bearing current Virginia license 596-444

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previously mentioned and drove off.

At 1:40 COPLON, SHAPIRO and [ ] left 1906 R Street, N.W. together, entered SHAPIRO'S car, drove to McLean Gardens and entered Plattsburg Court in front of the residence of [ ] which she entered, SHAPIRO and COPLON continuing to COPLON'S residence. Subject entered her residence at 1:55 A.M., SHAPIRO remaining parked in car. At 2:00 A.M., COPLON returned to SHAPIRO'S car and proceeded to 1906 R Street, where both entered after having parked his car. The surveillance was discontinued at 2:15 A.M.

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The surveillance was commenced on this date at 1906 R Street at 8:00 A.M. At 10:40 A.M. COPLON and SHAPIRO came out of apartment house, located at this address, entered SHAPIRO'S car and drove to the Sibley Hospital, 1140 N. Capitol Street. They were overheard in front of the hospital by surveilling agents talking to several people concerning a new-born baby. The acquaintances met at the hospital by COPLON and SHAPIRO were noted to have been driving cars bearing 1948 D.C. license number 9-1568 and 1948 Maryland license number 596-444. The former was occupied by the father of the baby and the latter car was occupied by two men and a woman who was driving. As previously pointed out the latter license number was issued to NATHAN B. LENVIN. The former number was issued to [ ] an attorney in the Department of Justice. It is noted that Washington T-2 advised that [ ] gave birth to a baby on February 6, 1949. Further information concerning [ ] is contained in another section of this report. At 12 o'clock noon, COPLON and SHAPIRO came out of the hospital, entered his car and drove to a flower shop on Florida Avenue, near Second Street, where they purchased some flowers, after which they returned to the hospital and SHAPIRO took them in, COPLON remaining in his car. At 12:30 SHAPIRO returned to his car and he and subject drove to 1906 R Street, where both got out of the car and entered. At 8:30 P.M., COPLON accompanied by SHAPIRO left the apartment building at 1906 R Street, walked to the Capitol Restaurant, south-west corner of Connecticut Avenue and R Street, where they ate dinner. At 9:10 P.M., subject and SHAPIRO left the restaurant and proceeded on foot to SHAPIRO'S car, which they entered and then drove to subject's residence, where they remained parked until 9:30 P.M., at which time SHAPIRO escorted the subject to the door, she entering and he

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returning to his car and driving off. This surveillance was maintained until 11:45 P.M., at which time the subject's lights were extinguished in her room.

Surveillances were maintained of the subject during the week of February 14 to 18 in the mornings and at noon as the necessity for them arose. Inasmuch as no unusual activity or contacts were made these surveillances are not being individually set out in this report. Subject's activities, however, during the evening hours on these dates were as follows:

February 14, 1949

At 5:55 P.M., the subject left the Department of Justice Building in the company of HAROLD SHAPIRO and NATHAN B. LENVIN and all three proceeded on foot to the Kitcheteria of the Harrington Hotel, corner of 11th and E Streets, N.W., where they had dinner. At 6:40 P.M., they left the restaurant, walking to the corner of 11th and Pennsylvania Avenue, where LENVIN left the subject and SHAPIRO, reversed his direction of travel and proceeded back toward the corner of 11th & E Streets, N.W. It was known that LENVIN had an appointment to teach a class at Howard University that night and believed that he left in order to keep an appointment there. The subject and SHAPIRO continued to the court of the Justice Building and the subject entered SHAPIRO'S car, which was parked there, he entering the Justice Building at 7:00 o'clock. SHAPIRO emerged from the Justice Building, entered his car and drove to 1906 R Street, N.W., at which address both SHAPIRO and the subject entered. At 8:10 P.M., SHAPIRO and subject left 1906 R Street, N.W., and drove to subject's residence which subject entered, SHAPIRO driving off. No further activity on the part of the subject was noted on this date.

February 15, 1949

At 6:05 P.M., subject left the Department of Justice Building on foot and proceeded to the corner of 10th and E Streets, N.W., where she boarded a bus. At 6:20, she alighted from the bus at 16th and K Streets, N.W., and proceeded alone to the Good Earth Restaurant, 1609 K Street. It should be pointed out that Washington T-2 advised that the Barnard College Alumna Association was having a dinner at this restaurant and that the subject attended with [redacted] meeting her at the restaurant. At 9:30 P.M., subject came out of the above-mentioned restaurant, proceeded to the corner of 16th & K Streets, N.W., where she boarded a bus, transferred to streetcar and continued to her residence, which she entered at

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Subject spent the evening of this date at her residence. No activity or contacts were observed. She was observed typing until 9:30 P.M. It is pointed out that Washington T-2 has advised that subject is presently engaged in writing a thesis for an MA degree at American University.

February 17, 1949

At 4:45 P.M., the subject left the Department of Justice Building and proceeded on foot to Brentano's Book Store, 1322 F Street, N. W. After leaving Brentano's Book Store, she proceeded to Garfinckel's Department Store. At 5:40, she left Garfinckel's and boarded a streetcar alighting near her residence to which she then proceeded on foot and entered. At 10:30 P.M., [ ] automobile was observed being parked near subject's residence and subject came out carrying a suitcase and entered the car. The car proceeded to the vicinity of [ ] [ ] locked the subject's suitcase in the trunk of the car and both then entered this address. The surveillance was discontinued at 2:30 a.m., February 18, 1949, at which time the subject had not left.

February 18, 1949

At 8:50 A.M. COPLON left [ ] and proceeded to [ ] car. He appeared shortly and they both drove to the Department of Justice Building. At 9:00 A.M., COPLON alighted from the car at the southwest corner of 10th and Pennsylvania Avenue and entered the Justice Building, carrying her suitcase, [ ] driving on around the building and into the building basement.

At 12:30 P.M., surveillance was commenced on subject COPLON. After eating in the cafeteria of the Department of Justice Building, she caught a taxi cab at 1:32 P.M. to the Union Station and at 1:53 P.M., boarded the 2:00 o'clock P.M. Pennsylvania train bound for New York under the surveillance of Special Agents CARL W. BUCHHOLZ and THOMAS A. MENDENHALL, of the Washington Field Office. The train was late in leaving New York City. The subject took her luggage, left her seat and began walking through the cars toward the front of the train. She was waiting on a car platform and

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was apparently very much agitated at the delay in arrival and kept edging toward the train door. At 6:35 P.M. COPLON jumped from the train while it was still moving, nearly losing her balance as she stepped to the concrete runway. At this point, it was noted that a strap on one of her shoes had broken. The subject walked hurriedly into the Pennsylvania Station and at this time the surveillance was turned over to Agents of the New York Office. The New York Office advised on the evening of February 23, 1949 that the subject was returning to Washington, D. C.

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No pertinent activity was observed on February 23 or February 24, 1949.

February 25, 1949

T-3 advised on this date that the subject had an appointment with one [redacted]

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At 12:38 P.M., Special Agents ADRIAN W. MAGUIRE and CARL W. BUCHHOLZ observed the subject and a man believed to be [redacted] leaving the Justice Building at the 10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue entrance. They proceeded to Hammel's Restaurant, 416 10th Street, N. W. Special Agent MAGUIRE observed that the subject and [redacted] engaged in continuous conversation while eating lunch and that this conversation was intensive and of a serious nature. They left Hammel's Restaurant at 1:15 P.M. and proceeded north on 10th Street to F Street, west on F Street to 11th Street, north on 11th Street to G Street, West on G Street to 12th Street and north on 12th Street to Cody's Service Center, 712 12th Street, N. W. When they left this place at 1:26 P.M., the subject was carrying a small package. They proceeded south on 12th Street to G Street, then west to 13th Street, where they entered Jordan's Piano Company, 13th and G Streets, N. W. They left Jordan's at 1:42 P.M. and then proceeded east on G Street to 11th Street, south on 11th Street to F Street and east on F Street to a bus stop at 10th and F Streets, N. W. While waiting for a bus, they engaged in conversation.

At 1:54 P.M., [redacted] boarded a Riverside Stadium bus and at 2:10 P.M., he was observed entering State Department Annex #1 at 23rd and E Streets, N. W.

This individual is described as follows: age, 35 to 36; height 5' 11" to 6'; weight 170 to 175 pounds; hair black, cut short, kinky, flecked with gray, low forehead, hairline forming a circle; eyes brown; dark bushy eyebrows; complexion, olive; build, average; slightly stooped; glasses, flesh tinted rimmed; dress, gray suit, brown covert cloth topcoat, brown hat with black band, which he carried in his hand, brown shoes, thick

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No pertinent activity was observed from February 26 until March 4, 1949.

March 4, 1949

The following surveillance was conducted by the following Special Agents:

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H. DUDLEY PAYNE  
THOMAS A. MENDENHALL  
CARL W. BUCHHOLZ  
LUDWIG W. R. OBERNDORF  
HOLLIS W. BOWERS  
CHARLES D. CHAPMAN  
JOE R. CRAIG  
ROBERT L. SMELTZER

At 11:55 A.M., JUDITH COPLON left the 9th and Pennsylvania entrance of the Department of Justice Building. She proceeded to the Lincoln National Bank at 7th and D Streets, N.W. At 12:02 P.M., COPLON entered the above bank. At 12:07 P.M., subject left above bank and proceeded to the Apex Station of the Post Office, 813 Market Space, N.W. At 12:10 P.M., subject entered the Apex Station of the Post Office. At 12:12 PM, subject left the Apex Station and proceeded to the Schulte's Cigar Store at 9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. At 12:15 P.M., subject observed entering Schulte's Cigar Store, where she had lunch. At 12:25 P.M., subject left Schulte's, crossed Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street and was observed entering a taxicab bearing the name JOHN S. GOLDEN, Cab #1. It was observed that she entered this cab after a man who had originally hailed the cab and who entered the cab before the subject reached the cab. The cab proceeded to the Carroll Arms Hotel at First and C Streets, N.E., where the man left the cab. The cab then proceeded to the Union Station, where subject left the cab. At 12:35 P.M., subject entered Union Station and proceeded to purchase a ticket at the first ticket window on the north side of the west wing of Union Station. Subject then proceeded to the main gate in the station, stopping at a drinking fountain, where she appeared to be taking a pill. Subject waited at the gate for a few minutes until the gate was opened. At 12:45 P.M. subject boarded Pennsylvania Railroad train #176 destined for New York City and took a seat in car #1629.

The following surveillance was conducted by Special Agents H. DUDLEY PAYNE and THOMAS A. MENDENHALL:

1:00 P.M., subject was observed leaving Washington aboard Pennsylvania Railroad train #176, occupying a seat in car #1629. At 5:35 PM, subject was observed leaving the above train at New York City, where the surveillance was taken over by Special Agents of the New York Office.

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CONTACTS AND ASSOCIATES OF JUDITH COPLON

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PAULINE E. ANNIS  
State Department

The Washington, D. C. 1948 city directory lists the above named individual as residing at apartment 910, 1900 F Street, Northwest.

Washington T-3 advised that the subject has indicated that she frequently exchanges information with PAULINE ANNIS, of the State Department.

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Records of the State Department reflect that Miss ESTHER PAULINE ANNIS was born on August 1, 1909 at Great Bend, Kansas. She attended Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, Kansas from 1927 to 1928; Kansas State Teacher's College, Emporia, Kansas from 1928 to 1929 and the summers of 1929, 1932 and 1942. She is presently employed by the State Department as Divisional Assistant, Division of Accounts. She has been employed by the State Department since June 29, 1942 to present. From August, 1935 to February, 1942, she was employed by Federal Works Agency.

Alien Enemy  
CHARLES ROTHSTEIN

The 1948 Washington, D. C., city directory lists CHARLES M. ROTHSTEIN, Acting Director, Department of Justice, residence 4 Grove Street, Falls Church, Virginia.

DR. HERMAN BERNSTEIN  
5430 Conn. Avenue  
WO 5045

The current Washington, D. C. telephone directory lists the above named individual as residing at Sedgwick Gardens. His employment is listed as Dentist, Office 5430 Conn. Ave., N. W. It is noted that referenced New York report reflects that subject COPLON was in possession of a 1949 pocket size diary with the following entry listed

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The 1948 Washington, D. C., directory lists the above individual as a clerk, Room 3223, Department of Justice, residence, Adams Mill Rd., N. W.

In 1941 the school records at Public School No. 29, Baltimore, Maryland, reflected that [redacted] was born on [redacted] in Baltimore, Maryland. She graduated from Western High School, Baltimore, on February 17, 1937. She was employed by the Baltimore Paper Box Company and the Baltimore Press, Baltimore, Maryland. In August, 1941, she married [redacted] Washington, D. C. In 1941 the Immigration and Naturalization files reflected that her father, [redacted] was born on [redacted]. Her mother, [redacted] was born in [redacted].

~~DAVID R. BOOKSTAVEN~~  
~~ME 4585~~

The 1948 Washington, D. C. directory lists the above named individual as residing at 3363 B S Wakefield, Arlington, Virginia and his occupation as a lawyer with offices at 1028 Conn. Ave., N. W.

Washington T-3, an informant whose reliability has been established and who is well acquainted with the associates, contacts and activities of subject JUDITH COPLON advised on January 25, 1949 that BOOKSTAVEN had contacted COPLON and inquired of her concerning the American Youth for Democracy. Informant advised that COPLON had informed BOOKSTAVEN that this organization was an outgrowth of the Young Communist League; that it was formed in 1943 and that the House Committee on Un-American Activities had put out a report on the American Youth for Democracy which she intended sending to him at 2000 G Street, N. W. The current Washington, D. C. city directory lists this address to the George Washington University College of Law.

It is pointed out that DAVID R. BOOKSTAVEN was with the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice from August 2, 1943 to July 11, 1947; was in 1947, Acting Chief of this Section; and has been given as a reference by the subject as set out

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SARAH BECKER  
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The current Washington telephone directory lists the above number to the American National Red Cross.

Washington T-4 advised that the subject is a social acquaintance of SARAH BECKER and that COPLON has indicated that both attended Barnard College. Washington T-4 further advised that SARAH BECKER is presently residing in Apartment 310, 705 18th Street, N. W.

Mrs. MARGARET LEWIS, personnel officer, American National Red Cross, furnished the following information from SARAH BECKER's personnel file:

BECKER was born April 29, 1911, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; parents, ABRAHAM BECKER and ANNA ZACK BECKER; attended University of Wisconsin from September, 1927 to June, 1934 receiving A. B., M. A., and PhD Degrees in History and Political Science; employed January to May, 1936, Wisconsin Farm Credit Administration; June, 1936, City Welfare Commission; July, 1936 to June, 1942, Wisconsin Historical Record Survey, all Madison, Wisconsin; November, 1942 to January, 1943, Library of Congress; January, 1943 to June, 1943, War and Anti-Trust Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.; September to December, 1946, War Assets Administration, Historical Branch; February 17, 1947 to present as research writer of History of Red Cross in World War I and II. She listed as the person to be notified in case of emergency, HARRY A. BECKER, 3700 Massachusetts Avenue, Northwest; alternate, M. E. SHIMON, Route 1, Box 159, Hartland, Wisconsin. The file reflected that the beneficiary on her life insurance was listed as her father, ABRAHAM BECKER, 2573 N. Farwell Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Her residence address was given as 705 18th Street, Northwest.

JONATHAN THURSZ  
State Department

The personnel file of JONATHAN THURSZ at the State Department was reviewed on March 3, 1949, and reflected the following information:

He was born April 10, 1895, in Warsaw, Poland. He was naturalized on December 10, 1946, at U. S. District Court, Brooklyn, New York. He has been residing in the United States since 1941.

He attended Kaiseria Augusta Gymnasium, Berlin, Germany, from 1904 to 1907; Ecole Moyenne de L'Etat, Antwerp, Belgium, from 1907 to

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1914, and Cambridge University from 1915 to 1917, and again from 1919 to 1920.

He was employed by the Associated Press in Casablanca, Morocco, from 1933 to 1941; the Jewish Periodicals, Inc., New York City, from January, 1943 to September, 1943; Pilot Radio Corporation, New York City, October, 1943 to December, 1943; the Office of War Information from May, 1944 to December, 1944; the Office of Strategic Services from April, 1944 to November, 1945. He was in the employ of the State Department from November, 1945 to the present where he now holds the position of Chief, Eastern European Section.

His wife is FRANKA GUTGLASS THURSZ who was born January 23, 1896, at Nszenow, Poland and they reside at 1230 New Hampshire Avenue, Northwest, Apartment 105.

The Security and Investigative files of the State Department disclose that THURSZ was certified to have access to top secret material in 1947.

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The personnel file of [redacted] at the State Department was reviewed on March 3, 1949, and reflected the following information:

She was born [redacted] at Washington, D. C. She is the daughter of [redacted] both of whom are in the employ of the U. S. Government.

[redacted] attended George Washington University in 1944. She was employed by the British Purchasing Commission from June, 1942 to January, 1943 and has been in the employ of the State Department since February, 1943 where she currently holds the position of Administrative Assistant in the Division of International Conference.

She listed her marital status as single and her address as [redacted]

MRS. ELIZABETH G. JACKSON  
State Department

The personnel file of ELIZABETH GRINNAN JACKSON at the State Department was reviewed on March 3, 1949 and reflected the following information:

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She was born December 10, 1904 at Hendersonville, North Carolina. She attended William and Mary College, 1935 to 1937; Duke University from 1941 to 1942; and the University of Virginia from 1942 to 1944.

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She was employed by Sweetbriar College from 1939 to 1941; Congressional Library from July 1944 to August 1944; Office of Strategic Services from December 1944 to February 1946; and the State Department from February 1946 to the present. She currently holds the position of Biographic Analyst in the State Department. She listed her residence as 2003 Kalorama Road, Northwest.

The Security and Investigative files of the State Department contain no information with reference to JACKSON.

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The Bureau advised in 1941 that [redacted] was born [redacted]

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[redacted] born France, naturalized New York, 1936; attended New Rochelle High School, New Rochelle, New York, 1926 to 1930; attended Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, 1934 to 1935 and 1936 to 1937, M.A. Degree; Holyoke College, South Hadley, 1930 to 1932, 1933 to 1934, A.B. Degree; Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont, summers 1938 to 1940; employed French teacher, Emma Willard School, Troy, New York, September 1935 to June 1936; French instructor Beaver College, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, June 1936 to September 1937; September 1937 to June 1940, French teacher John Bourroughs School, St. Louis, Missouri; September 1940 to June 1941, French instructor Rosemary Hall School, Greenwich, Connecticut.

The personnel file of [redacted] at the State Department was reviewed on March 3, 1949, and reflected the following information:

She was born [redacted]

Her father,

[redacted] was born in Paris, France, and naturalized on March 27, 1921.

She attended Mount Holyoke College from 1930 to 1932; Universite de Poitiers, Paris, France from 1932 to 1933; Bryn Mawr College from 1934 to 1937; Middlebury College from 1938 to 1941; Columbia University from 1940 to 1941; and Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, in 1941.

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She was employed from September, 1940 to June, 1941 by Rosemary Hall, Greenwich, Connecticut; Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, Office of Emergency Management from February, 1942 to January, 1945 and since January 17, 1945, has been in the employ of the State Department where she presently holds the position of Chief of the Biographic Division.

Her name was changed by court order on November 7, 1946 from [REDACTED]

The Security and Investigative files of the State Department do not contain any information with reference to [REDACTED]

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State Department

The personnel file of [REDACTED] at the State Department was reviewed on March 3, 1949 and reflected the following information:

He was born [REDACTED] at Portsmouth, Virginia. He attended Davison College from 1931 to 1936 and Georgetown University from 1939 to 1942.

He was employed by the General Accounting Office from June, 1939 to March, 1942; served as Major in the U. S. Army Intelligence Division from March, 1942 to May, 1945; employed by the Intelligence Division of the War Department from May, 1945 to October, 1946 and from October, 1946 to present has been in the employ of the State Department and is presently serving as Assistant Chief of the Biographic Information Division.

He resides at [REDACTED] and his mother, [REDACTED] North Carolina.

The Security Investigative Division, State Department, records reflected that [REDACTED] was cleared for top secret information on May 9, 1947.

[REDACTED]  
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The personnel file of [REDACTED] at the State Department was reviewed on March 3, 1949 and reflected the following information.

She was born [REDACTED] at New York City. She attended Hunter College from 1930 to 1934; the New School for Social Research

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from 1937 to 1938; and New York University from 1941 to 1945.

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She was employed by the National Labor Relations Board from July, 1937 to September, 1946 in New York City; Office of Price Administration, New York City from September, 1946 to April, 1947; and Department of Agriculture, New York City from April, 1947 to July, 1947. She was in the State Department from February, 1948 to November 10, 1948, at which time she resigned giving as her reason "marriage". Her last known address was 74-04 Woodside Avenue, Elmhurst, Queens, New York.

The Security and Investigative files of the State Department reflected that [redacted] resigned while under investigation by the State Department, the purpose of which was to give her clearance to handle top secret material. This investigation disclosed that she had been employed from September, 1935 to May, 1936 as Assistant Editor of the Russian Consolidated Mutual Aid Society of America, New York City. The investigation further disclosed that [redacted] was described by her associates as being an extreme leftist, very critical of U. S. Government treatment of Negroes and in favor of sending commodities and materials to Russia under Lend-Lease; associated with Communist sympathizers, an avid reader of Communist literature and thoroughly pro-Russian. Her parents are both believed to have been born in Russia and it is known that she has several relatives in Russia with whom she frequently corresponds.

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The current directory of the United Nations reflects that the above named individual is presently employed.

~~ELIZABETH DEEBIE~~  
State Department

The current city directory lists her residence as 3333 N Street, N. W., Apartment 7.

The personnel file of ELIZABETH DEEBIE at the State Department was reviewed on March 3, 1949 and reflected the following information:

She was born December 3, 1888 at Washington, D. C. She attended Abbott Academy, Andover, Massachusetts and listed residence in Spain from 1926 to 1938.

From May, 1938 to April, 1942 she stated that she was unemployed and lived with her mother. Her place of residence at this time was not

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listed. She was employed by the Office of Censorship, New York City from April, 1942 to May, 1944; Office of War Information, New York City from May, 1944 through May, 1945. She has been in the employ of the State Department since May, 1945, where she currently holds the position of Regional Specialist, European Area.

Miss DEEBLE listed her marital status as single and her address as 3333 "N" Street, N. W.

The Security and Investigative files of the State Department contain only information of a favorable nature with reference to DEEBLE.

Employment files of the State Department and the U. S. Office of Censorship in May, 1948, reflected the birth date of ELIZABETH DEEBLE as December 3, 1888. The State Department files further reflect that DEEBLE lived in Spain in 1912, 1913, 1914, 1926 and almost continuously from 1932 to 1937. She was reportedly a nurse in World War I. In 1930 she registered at the American Consulate in Barcelona, Spain, at which time she indicated she was operating a tourist bureau in Barcelona. She reportedly left Spain and went to Paris, France in 1937 as a result of the Spanish Revolution and while in Paris, sought the assistance of the American Consulate and there is on record as of July 9, 1937, a sworn deposition in Paris indicating that she left Spain because of the influenza epidemic. Additional information in the State Department files indicates that DEEBLE was editor and business manager for the "Spanish News" and "Majorka Sun", English news publications published in Barcelona, Spain.

The employment file of DEEBLE at the U. S. Office of Censorship in May, 1948 reflected that she had been employed on April 6, 1942 in New York as a censorship clerk translator and on May 17, 1944 was separated by transfer to the Office of War Information.

Washington T-6, a former member of the Communist Party who has furnished considerable reliable information to this office and also assisted in forming numerous front organizations for the Communist Party and who is acquainted with national and local Communist figures, has advised that ELIZABETH DEEBLE was contacted by Mr. ABED ~~X~~PLENN, an alleged Communist Party member, at which time PLENN desired information concerning persons with whom it was thought she was acquainted while in Spain. This information, according to Washington T-6 was for ANDREW H. ~~X~~OLDER, an individual of alleged Communistic tendencies. This informant had no information as to whether DEEBLE had the desired information or made any attempt to locate the information or that she was subsequently contacted by PLENN.

Atomic Energy Commission

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The personnel file of [redacted] at the Atomic Energy Commission was reviewed on March 31, 1949 and reflected the following information:

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She is also known as [redacted]

She was born [redacted] at Bronx, New York. She is the daughter of [redacted] and who resides at [redacted] New York. She was married on [redacted] who is presently in the employ of [redacted]. She has a brother, [redacted] who is employed as [redacted]

She was employed from [redacted]

The Security file of [redacted] at the Atomic Energy Commission disclosed that [redacted]

The file further disclosed that [redacted]

BURKE ELBRICK  
State Department

The current city directory lists ELBRICK as an Assistant Division Chief, State Department, residence 2137 R Street, N. W.

The personnel file of CHARLES BURKE ELBRICK at the State Department was reviewed on March 3, 1949 and reflected the following information:

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He was born March 25, 1908 at Louisville, Kentucky, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. ELBRICK, still reside. He married ELVIRA LINDSAY JOHNSON in Washington, D. C., on July 27, 1932.

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He attended the University of Louisville from 1925 to 1926 and Williams College from 1926 to 1929. He has been in the employ of the State Department as a Foreign Service Officer since 1931. On August 24, 1948 while serving as Assistant Chief of the Division of Eastern European Affairs, he was detailed to the National War College which he is presently attending.

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Miss VIRGINIA ~~JAMES~~  
State Department

The current city directory lists this individual as a Division Assistant, State Department, residence Apt. 706, 1722 19th Street, N. W.

The personnel file of VIRGINIA H. ~~JAMES~~ at the State Department was reviewed on March 3, 1949 and reflected the following information:

She was born on May 16, 1899 at Frederick, Maryland. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD JAMES, 210 E. Church Street, Frederick, Maryland. She attended George Washington University from 1921 to 1927, and the Department of Agriculture Graduate School from 1939 to 1940. She has been in the employ of the State Department since 1931 and presently holds the

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position of Divisional Assistant in the Eastern European Affairs Section.

She listed her marital status as single and her address as 1722 19th Street, N. W.

The Security and Investigative Division of the State Department has no record with reference to JAMES.

Washington T-7, believed to be reliable, has advised that VIRGINIA H. JAMES, an employee in the Division of Eastern European Affairs, State Department, attended monthly luncheons during October, November, December, 1946 and January, February, March, 1947 of a club which met at old O'Donnell's Restaurant, Twelfth and "E" Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C., to discuss matters of interest concerning Russian-American relations.

Bureau letter dated September 10, 1948 to the Washington Field Office concerning VIRGINIA D. JAMES, nee DOWELL, aka VIRGINIA DOUGLAS JAMES, European Recovery Program, reflects she was born on August 3, 1907 at Gordonsville, Virginia; resided at 805 North Wayne Street, Apartment 303, Arlington, Virginia.

The records of the Civil Service Commission in September, 1948, reflected that VIRGINIA D. JAMES was employed as a Secretary, Office of Rubber, War Production Board from November 16, 1942 until September 11, 1943. Thereafter, she was employed by the Orders and Regulations Bureau, WPB, as an administrative analyst from November 10, 1943 until September 21, 1945 at which time she was terminated because of a reduction in force.

The records of the Department of Commerce reflect that VIRGINIA D. JAMES was employed in the Office of Small Businesses from September 24, 1945 until October 31, 1946, further, that in September, 1948, she was employed as a clerk-stenographer, Export Operations Division, Department of Commerce.

CHARLES R. GELLNER  
Library of Congress

NATHAN B. LENVIN  
TE 3537

Confidential informant T-3 has advised that NATHAN B. LENVIN is presently employed as an Attorney, Department of Justice, and that he resides at 4653 S. 36th Ave., Arlington, Virginia. Informant further advised that in addition to the above employment LENVIN teaches night classes at Howard University, as mentioned in another section of this report.

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In 1944 the personnel file of NATHAN BERNARD ~~LENVIN~~ at the Office of Price Administration reflected that he was born on January 7, 1910, at Chester, Pennsylvania. His father, SULLIVAN LENVIN, and his mother, ETHEL FINEBERG LENVIN, were born in Vilna, Russia. He attended the New York University from 1928 to 1932; Columbia University Law School from 1934 to 1938; New York University from 1938 to 1939; George Washington University in the summer of 1939. Prior to being employed by the Government, he was employed by the Empire Shoe Company, New York City; A. S. Beck Company, New York City; I. Miller Company, Washington, D. C.; and Lansburgh and Brothers Department Store. From May 5, 1941 to June 23, 1942 he was employed by the OPA. From June 24, 1942 to August 18, 1942 he was employed by the Alien Property Custodian. On August 18, 1942, he was inducted into the U. S. Army. His wife, GERALDINE LENSCH LENVIN, was born on January 18, 1910, New York City. Her parents were both born in Russia.

JESSE ~~Mack~~NIGHT  
State Department

The current Washington telephone directory lists MackNIGHT's residence as 918 Haddon Drive, Tacoma Park, Md., telephone Shepherd 1040.

Washington T-3 advised that the subject on occasion contacts MackNIGHT at the State Department. It is pointed out that COPLON had given MackNIGHT as a reference as mentioned in another section of this report.

According to the personnel file at the State Department, JESSE MACKENZIE ~~Mack~~NIGHT was born on August 19, 1911, at Brooklyn, New York. His mother, ADA MARY HARRISON was born in London, England and acquired U. S. citizenship through marriage to a U. S. citizen in 1909 in Brooklyn, New York. He attended Pennsylvania State from 1927 to 1931; Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts from 1931 to 1934, where he received his A. M. Degree. He is presently employed at the State Department as Program Policy Officer in the Office of Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. He transferred to the State Department from the Justice Department on December 29, 1945. He was employed by the Department of Justice as Chief, Analyst Unit, Foreign Agents Registration Section, from October, 1944 to December 29, 1945. He began his employment at the Department of Justice in July, 1941. Previous to that time he was employed by the Library of Congress, the Office of Radio Research, the Department of Agriculture and the National Council for Prevention of War. The National Council for Prevention of War is listed as a pacifist organization and, according to ELIZABETH DILLING's book, "Red Network", is a "clearing house for socialist - Communist pacifist propaganda." The personnel file reflects that he is married but does not reflect the name of his wife.

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The personnel file of [redacted] at the State Department was reviewed on March 3, 1949 and reflected the following information:

She was born [redacted] at New York, New York. She attended Grace Institute Secretarial School, New York City, from 1941 to 1942; Mary Mount College from 1943 to 1946; American University from 1946 to 1947 and Georgetown University in 1947.

She was employed by Sears and Roebuck, New York City from July, 1941 to December, 1941; U. S. Navy, Office of Radio Censorship, New York City from December, 1941 to September, 1944; Western Electric Company, New York City, from June, 1945 to September, 1945; Dun and Bradstreet, New York, from January, 1946 to March, 1946; Radio Station WTOP, Washington, D. C., from March, 1946 to June, 1946 and has been in the employ of the State Department since July, 1946 where she holds the title of Information and Editorial Clerk in the Division of United Nations Political Affairs at the present time.

She listed her marital status as single and her residence as [redacted]

The Security and Investigative files of the State Department reflect nothing unfavorable with reference to [redacted]

RONNIE MacDONALD

The 1948 city directory lists the above individual as an Attorney, Department of Justice, residence 2304 M Street, Arlington, Virginia.

RONNIE MacDONALD, upon interview prior to subject's apprehension, advised that he had been in the Polish Section of the Foreign Agents Registration Section from May, 1942 to January, 1946. He stated that although he had been acquainted with COPLON, he could furnish no information concerning her activities than that she was, during 1945, taking courses in photography and Russian at American University. He further advised that he was aware of the fact that she had taken a pleasure trip to Europe in 1948 and had flown to Paris and from there travelled to Italy, apparently on some sort of tour. He stated he had never heard any rumors of disloyalty or questionable activity on the part of the subject and stated he was not in a position to have known much about her and had never supervised her work.

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The current Department of Justice directory lists the above individual as an employee of the Department of Justice. Washington T-3 advised that [redacted] is a social acquaintance of the subject.

A Departmental Applicant-Attorney investigation conducted of [redacted] reflected she was born [redacted] at Brooklyn, New York. She attended Hunter College 1939 to 1942; Columbia University from 1942 to 1945. She was self-employed in October, 1947 as an Attorney in New York having previously been employed by the New York law firm of CAHILL, GORDON, ZACHARY and RENIKE.

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As pointed out previously in another section of this report Washington T-3 advised on January 31, 1949 that the above listed individual who is presently employed in the International Intelligence Section of the State Department, requested COPLON to obtain for him information concerning the National Council for Soviet Friendship. It should be noted that on January 30, 1949, a physical surveillance of COPLON revealed that she and HAROLD SHAPIRO visited in the home of [redacted] Virginia.

On February 1, 1949, Washington T-3 advised further that the subject had indicated that she was interested in reviewing an FBI memorandum on the National Council of American Soviet Friendship.

On February 16, 1949, this informant advised that the subject had furnished to ANNE P. COMANDORAS, an employee of the State Department, whom the informant believes to be [redacted] information concerning finances, dues, activities, purposes and aims of the Friends of the Soviet Union and the National Council of American Soviet Friendship.

The personnel file maintained by the State Department on [redacted] reflects he was born on [redacted] Connecticut. His parents, [redacted] were both born in Russia. He attended Springfield Junior College from 1935 to 1936; Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts, from 1936 to 1939; Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, from 1943 to 1944 where he received his Master's Degree in International Relations. His employment prior to February 7, 1945 consisted of driver-salesman, Good Humor truck, New Haven, Connecticut;

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clerk at Colt's Patent Firearms, Hartford, Connecticut; turret operator at Pratt and Whitney, East Hartford, Connecticut. From February 7, 1945 to October 18, 1948 he was employed by the Department of Justice as a Political Analyst. The personnel file reflects that during this time he worked with the subject, JUDITH COPLON. From October 18, 1948 to the present he has been employed by the State Department as a Political Scientist. He is married; however, the name of his wife is not shown.

LOUIS NEMZER  
1569 42nd Street, S. E.  
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The State Department personnel file reflects that LOUIS NEMZER was born on August 15, 1913 in New York City. He attended Occidental College from February, 1932 to June, 1933; the University of California at Los Angeles from September, 1934 to June, 1937; the University of Chicago from September, 1937 to June, 1939. He studied the Russian language from June, 1937 to September, 1937 at the University of California. From September 13, 1948 to the present he has been employed by the State Department as a Consultant (Political Scientist). His employment is not to exceed 180 working days a year. From May 5, 1947 to September 9, 1948, he was employed by the State Department as a Consultant on a full time basis. From August 28, 1943 to May 5, 1947 he was employed by the Department of Justice as a Political Analyst, Foreign Agents Registration Section. From July 15, 1941 to August 28, 1943 he was employed by Organizations and Propaganda Analysis Section, Special War Policies Unit, Department of Justice. Previous to this time, he was employed by the Library of Congress and as an Expert Trial Witness by the Department of Justice. His father, RALPH NEMZER, was born in Vilno, Poland. His mother, ROSE TABLIN, was born in Vilno, Poland. His wife is DAISY PRESS NEMZER. //

BRONSON PRICE, a social acquaintance of LOUIS NEMZER in 1947, // advised that LOUIS NEMZER joins a group of men who get together on various occasions to discuss Russian matters. PRICE stated that included in this group were HOWARD HILTON, WILLIAM C. ARMSTRONG, ERNEST C. ROPES, LAZAR VOLIN, JOHN BEWBOLD HAZARD, HENRY WARE, P. D. CARTER, LLEWELLYN THOMPSON and himself. These individuals have been in contact with suspected and known Communists.

Confidential informant T-8 in 1947 advised that either Mr. or Mrs. NEMZER mentioned that they had attended a meeting of the Communist Political Association in the National Press Building.

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The personnel file of [ ] at the State Department was reviewed on March 3, 1949 and reflected the following information:

She was born [ ] California. She attended Reed College, Portland, Oregon, from 1940 to 1942 and Bryn Mawr College from 1942 to 1944.

She was in the employ of the U. S. Employment service, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from January, 1943 to May, 1943 and has been in the employ of the State Department since August, 1944 where she presently holds the position of Foreign Affairs Specialist in the Division of Western European Affairs.

She listed her residence as [ ]

The Security and Investigative files of the State Department contain nothing of an unfavorable nature with reference to [ ]

Washington T-9, of known reliability who is familiar with the affairs and contacts of DONALD WHEELER, advised that on December 2, 1945, Mrs. GORDON BERG attempted to contact [ ] Washington, D. C. [ ] was not at home and BERG received information that she was working in the Foreign Service Division, State Department. BERG stated that she was an old friend of [ ] During the course of a surveillance on DONALD NIVEN WHEELER, it was observed that an automobile, Oregon License 235-512, registered in the name of GORDON H. BERG, 8035 Northeast Sandy Boulevard, Portland, Oregon, stopped at the WHEELER residence, 6400 MacArthur Boulevard, Washington, D. C., at 6:55 P. M. on December 2, 1945. The Oregon car was at the WHEELER residence on December 6, 1945, but was gone by 7:40 A. M., December 7, 1945.

Informant T-10, who has furnished considerable information concerning the operations of a Soviet espionage parallel in Washington, D. C., and New York City in the early 1940s, advised that WHEELER was involved in this conspiracy and that he was a close associate of Communist and pro-Soviet sympathizers and for a period was a dues-paying member of the Communist Party. Washington T-10 further stated that WHEELER was a contact of an admitted Soviet espionage agent.

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DR. PITTMAN POTTER  
Dean, American University

The surveillance of Dr. THEODORE SCHMIDT, a suspected German espionage agent, revealed that on February 8, 1942, he contacted Dr. PITTMAN POTTER at the Brookings Institute, Jackson Place, Northwest, Washington, D.C. ~~SECRET~~

The files of this office indicate that a Professor PITTMAN B. POTTER, Graduate School for International Studies, Geneva, taught in Geneva from 1929 through 1932 and in January 1942 was listed c/o Brookings Institute, 722 Jackson Place, Northwest, Washington, D.C.

FRANK S. PHILLIPS  
927 15th Street, N.W.  
DI 1411

The current Washington, D.C. directory lists the above individual as a real estate operator with offices at 927 15th Street, N.W. He is the rental agent for the apartment where COPLON formerly resided at 2634 Tunlaw Road.

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State Department

The personnel file of [redacted] at the State Department was reviewed on March 9, 1949, and reflected the following information:

She was born [redacted] Nebraska. She attended Nebraska College of Commerce from 1930 to 1932. She was employed by the Department of Agriculture from March 1938 to April 1941; the President's War Relief Control Board from April, 1941 to May 1945; and the State Department from May 1945 to February 1949. She resigned from the State Department on February 5, 1949, while holding the position of Administrative Officer, Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid. She gave as her reason for resigning, "to accompany my husband, [redacted] where he is Assistant Commercial Attache." [redacted]

The Security and Investigative files of the State Department disclosed nothing of an unfavorable nature with reference to [redacted]  
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The personnel file of [redacted] at the State Department was reviewed on March 3, 1949 and reflected the following information:

He was born [redacted] Nebraska. He is the son of [redacted] Minnesota. He is married to [redacted] who was born in Gabrobo, Bulgaria, and is a Bulgarian Nationale. [redacted] was previously married to a [redacted] Both of her parents are deceased, having been killed in the allied bombing of Sofia in 1944.

[redacted] attended Concordia Junior College from 1927 to 1929 and the University of Minnesota from 1930 to 1936. He had entered on duty in the State Department Foreign Service Division on July 21, 1937 and is presently Regional Specialist in the Public Affairs Branch.

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Washington T-4 has indicated that the above listed individual is the subject's closest girl friend and confidant; that she is employed by Department of Labor; and that she resides at [redacted] Washington, D. C.

The records of the Division of Research and Statistics, Treasury Department, reflected as of May 27, 1943 that Miss [redacted] New York City, was born [redacted] Her father was listed as [redacted] born in Russia, naturalized September 7, 1911, Supreme Court of New York, certificate No. 22374. She attended Wells College, Aurora, New York, 1939 to 1940. From 1940 to 1943, she attended Barnard College, New York City, receiving a B. A. Degree. She was employed from June, 1941 to October, 1941 with the Ross Federal Research Corporation, 18 E. 48th Street, New York City. At the date of filing her form 57 (May 27, 1943) she listed employment in market research under DANIEL STARCH and HOWARD STONE, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City. She was employed from June 15, 1943 to January 5, 1944 as a junior economic analyst, Division of Research and Statistics, Treasury Department at which latter date she transferred to the National War Labor Board.

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The current Department of Justice directory lists the above individual as presently employed by the Department of Justice.

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~~EMI~~ ~~SCHNELLBACHER~~  
Department of Commerce

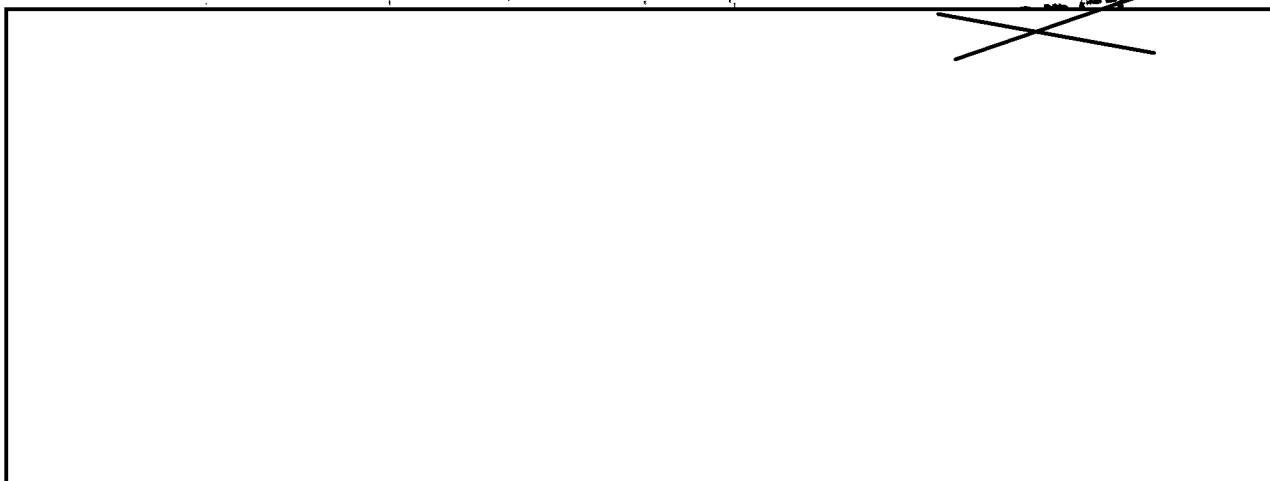
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A surveillance of HARRY SAMUEL ~~MAGDOFF~~, employee, Office of Secretary of Commerce, revealed that he arrived in Boston on September 30, 1946 and registered at the Hotel Bellevue. ~~MAGDOFF~~ was surveilled in Boston in the company of E. E. ~~SCHNELLBACHER~~ and STANLEY T. ~~GORDON~~, both of whom were registered at the Hotel Bellevue from Washington, D. C.

Washington T-10, who has furnished considerable reliable information concerning the operations of a Soviet espionage parallel in Washington, D. C., and New York in the early 1940s, advised that ~~HENRY~~ ~~MAGDOFF~~ was involved in a Soviet espionage conspiracy in Washington, D. C., and New York in the early 1940s and that he was a close associate of Communists and pro-Soviet individuals, further, that he was in contact with an admitted Soviet espionage agent. Washington T-10 recalled that ~~MAGDOFF~~ had come to Washington, D. C., in the early 1930s and was a member of the Communist Party.

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The personnel file of [redacted] at the State Department was reviewed on March 3, 1949 and reflected the following information:

She was born [redacted] Iowa. She attended Iowa State Teachers College 1936 to 1941 and George Washington University from 1942 to 1944. She was employed by Lawler High School from 1937 to 1942; State Department from May, 1942 to June, 1945; and United Nations from June, 1945 to March, 1946. She has been in the employ of the State Department since April, 1946 where she presently holds the position of Conference Administrative Analyst in the Office of United Nations Affairs.

She listed her residence as [redacted]  
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Security and Investigative files of the State Department disclosed that she was certified on November 24, 1948, to handle top secret material.



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On February 3, 1949, Washington T-12, an informant of known reliability advised that the subject, JUDITH COPLON, maintained a personal telephone list in her residence, Room 135-9, Jefferson Hall, McLean Gardens Development, 3685 38th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The names of individuals appearing in this list were made available by the informant and those not previously mentioned as contacts in this report are being set out as listed. All names have been checked against the indices of the Washington Field Office and information additional to that in referenced New York report available pertaining to these individuals is hereinafter set out. ~~SECRET~~

PERRY MAE BARNES  
501 23rd Street, N.W.

Washington T-3 and T-4, informants whose reliability have been established and who are well acquainted with associates, contacts and activities of subject, JUDITH COPLON, advised that PERRY MAE BARNES is a colored dressmaker who resides at the above-listed address. According to these informants, subject frequently contacts BARNES to have clothing made or altered. According to Washington T-3, PERRY MAE BARNES also is known by the name of PERRY MAE LILLIE.

EMMA BROOKS  
694 4th Street, N.E.

The current Washington telephone directory lists this address to ROBERT F. BROOKS, telephone AT-8749. The 1948 Washington city directory lists him as a guard, public buildings administration. These directories do not reflect, however, the name of EMMA BROOKS.

ELSIE TRIEMUS  
Montville, N.J.

FULLER  
OR 6817

The 1948 Washington, D.C. directory lists JOHN E. FULLER, Jr., instrument maker, American Instrument Company, Apartment 1B, 2628 Tunlaw Road, N.W. The current Washington, D.C. telephone directory lists FULLER at this address, telephone as listed above. FULLER is reported to be the apartment house manager at the above address, which is the subject's former residence.

MARIE HIGDON  
EM 4825

The 1948 Washington, D.C. directory lists MARIE E. HIGDON, office secretary, Washington Gas and Light Company, residence 3805 Benton Street, N.W. The current Washington, D.C. telephone directory lists the telephone number EMerson 4825 to ELLEN BRENNAN at this address.

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[redacted] The 1948 Washington, D.C. directory lists a [redacted]  
[redacted] at this address.

Bureau letter of July 11, 1947, requesting a Special Attorney Departmental Applicant investigation of [redacted]  
[redacted] Washington, D.C. reflects that she was born [redacted] Massachusetts; that she attended Girls' Latin School, Evans Way, Boston, Massachusetts; Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, A.B., September, 1931 to June 1935; Boston University Law School, LLB, September 1935 to June 1938; employed General Counsel's Office, Treasury Department, as Attorney, July 1941 to August 1943; General Counsel's Office, War Manpower Commission as Attorney from August to December 1943; OPA, Special Assistant to Associate General Counsel, 1943 to 1947; Chief Counsel, Division of Liquidation, U. S. Department of Commerce, from June 1947 to date of Bureau letter. The current directory, Department of Justice, lists her as an attorney in the Criminal Division.

LEE MEISTER  
Grubb Road, Silver Spring

Information in the 1948 Washington, D.C. directory lists ALTON MEISTER, Physician, Public Health Service, residence Apt. 4, 3404 C Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. This directory further lists as his wife, LENORA G. MEISTER, Social Worker, St. Elizabeth's Hospital. It is believed that the above listing refers to LENORA MEISTER.

FLOY MORSE  
Main 2-4364

MARY McGUGIN  
OR 0787

DORA SANDER  
4206 Kaywood Drive

The 1948 Washington, D.C. directory lists DORA SANDERS, editor, Bureau of National Affairs, Residence Apt. 1, Mt. Ranier, Maryland.

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A confidential informant of known reliability advised that one DCRA SANDER, 2201 N Street, N.W. was listed as a member of the Washington Bookshop Association, having joined that organization on July 12, 1945.

The Washington Bookshop has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

[REDACTED]

The 1948 Washington, D.C. directory lists [REDACTED] Stenographer, Department of Justice, residence, [REDACTED] Her husband is listed as [REDACTED] Physical Science Aide, National Archives.

[REDACTED]

The 1948 Washington, D.C. directory lists [REDACTED] Specialist, Federal Security Agency.

In 1942 [REDACTED] in making an application with the Office of the Coordinator of Information, stated that she was born on [REDACTED] at Washington, D.C. In 1942, Mrs. SUSAN B. GREGORY stated that [REDACTED] parents were Russian Jews who migrated from a small village in the suburbs of Odessa, Russia. From September 1934 to June 1935, she attended Wilson Teachers College, Washington, D.C. She attended the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, for four years, the dates of which are not given. She was employed by the NBC Studio, Mexico Division, Washington, D.C., from October to November 1941. [REDACTED] gave as a reference FRANCES HUMPHREY, Washington, D.C.

According to a confidential informant of known reliability, FRANCES HUMPHREY appears on the active indices of the American Youth Congress, the American Peace Mobilization and a member of the Executive Committee of Washington Youth Council. Washington Confidential Informant T-14, who worked closely with [REDACTED] stated that she sometimes spoke in a casual and skeptical manner of the democratic form of government.

The records of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Federal Security Agency, reflect that [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] Washington, D.C.; parents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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[redacted] both born in Russia, both naturalized citizens; attended Wilson Normal School, Washington, D.C. from 1935 to 1936; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1936 to 1940; Department of Agriculture Graduate School, 1943 to 1944; American University 1944 to 1945; employed as a teacher, December 1941 to October 1942, Washington, D.C.; Clerk-Typist, Division of Special Information, Office of Strategic Services, March 1942 to August 1942; Library of Congress, August 1942 to May 1943; Federal Security Agency, May 1943 to June 1944; War Manpower Commission, Department of Labor, June 1944 to December 1945. She is presently employed in the Radio and Special Program Section of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation working out of the New York Regional Office, 11 W. 42nd Street, New York City. She has been employed by the Federal Security Agency since December 1945. Her father, [redacted] is listed as being employed by the Post Office, Washington, D.C.

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~~ERIKA THIMEY~~  
NO 7991

The 1948 city directory lists ERIKA THIMEY as manager of the Dance Theatre, residence 2012 P Street, N.W.

The December 1943 issue of "The Book Shopper," volume 2, number 12, a publication of news from the Washington Cooperative Book Shop, 916 17th Street, N.W., contains a reference to Miss ERIKA THIMEY, dance interpreter who provided entertainment for the "Birthday Party." This article also stated that she is offering classes to book shop members and their children.

The records of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization in 1943 reflected that ERIKA THIMEY was born March 12, 1910 at Schleisswig-Holstein, Germany. She was a registered German alien #4499494, having first arrived in the United States in 1931.

~~WALTER~~  
OR 4941

~~WEINSTOCK~~  
1826 E. 14th St., New York

[redacted]

~~ZWICK~~  
675 Empire Blvd., Brooklyn, N.Y.

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1205 Avenue R  
DE 4066

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Below are being listed the names of those individuals appearing in New York's referenced report, not previously mentioned in this report, who have been identified. They were contained in the subject's address book as of January 19, 1949:

~~HANNAH VANNIS~~  
DO 9827

The city of Washington, D.C. and surrounding area does not have a telephone exchange with the letters beginning "DO." The possibility is, however, that the correct number is DUpont 9827, which according to the current Washington, D.C. telephone directory is listed to LUDIE HAIR STYLIST, 1524 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.

~~HARRY A. BECKER~~  
Alban Towers  
Wisc. Mass.  
(Braver)

The 1948 city directory lists a HARRY A. BECKER, who is believed to be identical with the ~~HENRY BECKER~~ listed in the New York referenced report, Attorney, Federal Communications Commission, residing in Apartment 209, Alban Towers, 3700 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. The Alban Towers Apartment house is located on the corner of Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues. Washington T-3 has advised that HARRY BECKER is a friend and social acquaintance of HAROLD SHAPIRO and that he is also acquainted with the subject.

According to the personnel file maintained by the Federal Communications Commission concerning HARRY A. BECKER, he was born on May 6, 1909, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His father, ABRAHAM BECKER and his mother, ANNA BECKER, were born in Lithuania. He attended Wisconsin University, Madison, Wisconsin, from 1925 to 1926; Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, from 1926 to 1927; Carroll College, Waukesha, Wisconsin, 1929 to 1931; Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from 1931 to 1934, where he received his LL.B. degree. He is presently employed as Attorney Advisor, Chief of Branch, at the Federal Communications Commission. He has been employed by the FCC from December 1941 to the present. From November 1941 to December 1941, he was employed by the Office of Price Administration. From February 1941 to November 1941, he was

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employed by the Securities and Exchange Commission. From October 1939 to January 1941, he was employed by the firm of Becker and Meldman, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Previous to that time, he was employed by the Public Works Administration, the Federal Power Commission and the Department of Agriculture. The personnel file reviewed reflects that he is single.

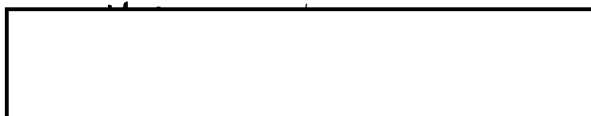
FAIRMAC CORPORATION  
3811 Porter Street, N.W.  
\$34.50 per mo.

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The McLean Gardens Development in which the subject presently resides is owned by the Fairmac Corporation, which has its offices at 3811 Porter Street, N.W. The \$34.50 per month undoubtedly refers to the amount of rent paid each month by COPLON for her room in Jefferson Hall, which is a girls dormitory.

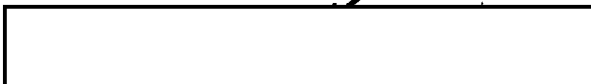
Dr. JULIUS FOGEL  
1726 M Street, N.W.  
ME 4114

The 1948 Washington, D.C. city directory lists the above individual as a Physician with offices at the above-address, residence, apartment 332, 2800 Woodley Road, N.W.



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The current Department of Justice directory lists [redacted] as presently employed in the Anti-Trust Division, Department of Justice.



The records of the Washington Credit Bureau reflect as of December 9, 1947 that [redacted] was born [redacted] and had resided at the above-listed address since November 1, 1947, having previously resided at [redacted] New York. As of the date of the credit report, he was employed as a Patent Office Examiner, U. S. Department of Commerce, having been appointed May 26, 1947. Prior to that, he had been employed in the Office of Technical Services, New York City, having previously served for three years in the U. S. Naval Air Corps. These records further reflected that prior to 1941 [redacted] resided in [redacted]

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New York and that he had been employed there as an Engineer for the Curtiss Wright Company. A two-months' employment was also listed for him with Kimmell and Crowell, Attorneys, 14th & F Streets, N.W.

The records of the Credit Bureau reflect his wife as the former [redacted] New York. She was unemployed as of December 9, 1947, having formerly been employed for one year by Leonard Mills, Inc., 40 E. 34th Street, New York City.

Washington T-4 has advised that the [redacted] are social acquaintances of COPLON, [redacted] having attended the James Madison School in New York with the subject. According to the informant, [redacted] is presently attending law school in Washington, D.C., and they intend returning to New York in July of this year. Washington T-4 stated that [redacted] residing on [redacted] in New York City. Washington T-4 advised further that [redacted] has a sister [redacted] (ph), residing in Patterson, New Jersey and a sister, [redacted] whom the informant thought was married to [redacted] and that they were residing in New York.

The records of the Patent Office in the Department of Commerce reflect that [redacted] New York. His father was listed as [redacted] New York. He attended Abraham Lincoln High School, Brooklyn, New York. From September 1937 to June 1941, he attended New York University, receiving a BS degree in Aeronautical Engineering. From June 1941 to September 1943, he was employed by the Curtiss Wright Corporation, Buffalo, New York, as an Aeronautical Engineer. From September 1943 to November 1943, he was employed as a Laboratory Assistant, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, Engineering College, Brooklyn, New York, at which latter date, he resigned to accept a commission in the U. S. Navy. From November 1943 to January 1944, while in the Navy, he attended the Army and Navy Engine School of the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Corporation, Brainard Field, Hartford, Connecticut. From January 1944 to March 1945, he was stationed at the Navy Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland, as a Project Engineer. From March 1945 to June 1945 he attended Navy Flight Engineering School, P.A.A. LaGuardia Field, New York. From June 1945 to March 1946, he was assigned as a Flight Engineer aboard four-engined flying boats. From March 1946 to September 1946, he was stationed at the Naval Medical Research Institute, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, as a Consultant to medical officers on the engineering aspects of air craft

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crashes. From September 30, 1946 to January 24, 1947, he was employed by the A.A.F., War Department at A.A.F. Procurement Field Office, 67 Broad Street, New York City, as an Intelligence Officer. He was employed in the Patent Office, Department of Commerce from May 26, 1947 to May 21, 1948, at which time he resigned to attend law school in Washington, D.C. The records of the Georgetown Law School reflect that [redacted] entered evening classes from February 3, 1947 and in June 1948 became a full time student in the College of Law, where he is presently enrolled. These records reflect his father as [redacted]

[redacted] New York City, mother [redacted]

~~STEVE~~  
CH 3976

[redacted]

The Washington, D.C. current telephone directory lists the above number to [redacted] Electrolysis, Kresge Building, Washington, D.C.

It is noted that at the time of subject's arrest in New York, she was in possession of the name [redacted]. It is further noted that the current Washington telephone directory lists [redacted] telephone number as [redacted]. A call, however, to this address under appropriate pretext revealed that [redacted] can now be reached at [redacted]. It is, therefore, believed that [redacted] is the individual listed above.

Ass. [redacted]

The 1948 Washington, D.C. city directory lists [redacted] Office Clrk, Supreme Court, residence 2500 Q Street, N.W.

The personnel file of [redacted] was reviewed at the Economic Cooperation Administration and with the exception of the New York addresses, the information set out in the reference New York report concerning [redacted] was verified. The following additional information was set out:

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According to his personnel file at the Economic Cooperation Administration, [ ] served in the U. S. Army from May 27, 1943 to January 1946. During his service in the U. S. Army, he attended Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, where he studied Russian, Geography and Economy of Europe. He was also assigned as Military Government Officer in Frankfurt, Germany. From August 1947 to July 28, 1948, he was employed as a law clerk to Mr. Justice WILEY B. RUTLEDGE. From July 28, 1948 to the present, he has been employed by the Economic Cooperation Administration. His present title is that of Attorney Advisor, the Office of General Counsel. His wife, [ ] is employed by the National Labor Relations Board. b6  
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The personnel file at the National Labor Relations Board reflects that [ ] was born [ ] at New York, New York. She attended Barnard College, New York, New York from September 1939 to June 1942; Columbia Law School, New York, New York from September 1942 to February 1945. She traveled in Canada and Mexico for several weeks in 1936 and in Cuba in 1946. From March 8, 1948 to the present, she has been employed as a Legal Assistant to Board Member HERZOG of the National Labor Relations Board. From December 2, 1947 to March 8, 1948, she was employed as an Attorney Advisor in the Department of Labor. From March 1945 to July 1947, she was employed as an Associate Lawyer by HUGHES, HUBBARD and EWING, New York City. Prior to that, she was employed in a clerical capacity by the Recording and Statistics Corporation, New York City. Her husband, [ ] is presently employed by the Economic Cooperation Administration.

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NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING, RE 6630  
RE 2081 X302 (NAGAN)

Washington T-13, an informant of known reliability, advised that [ ] presently resides at the [ ] [ ] having formerly resided at [ ] This informant advised that [ ] is presently employed as a correspondent for the McGraw Hill Publishing Company and that his business address is room 1189, National Press Building, Washington, D.C.

Washington T-4 advised that the subject is a social acquaintance of [ ] and that in January of this year, she had "dated" him a few times. She advised, however, that the subject has indicated that she is angry with [ ] for having failed to keep a social engagement as planned.

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The 1948 Washington, D.C. city directory lists the above individual as an attorney, Department of Justice. Washington T-3 has advised that [ ] is presently employed by the Department of Justice.

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The 1948 Washington city directory reflects a [ ] [ ] office secretary, French Missions.

Washington T-4 advised on January 13, 1949 that [ ] is an acquaintance of both the subject and [ ] but stated that both of these individuals had indicated that they did not know her present whereabouts.

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Washington T-4 advised on January 13, 1949 that the subject had double dated with HAROLD COHEN, lawyer for the Department of Justice and [ ] who was at that time employed by the Inaugural Committee, on New Years Eve of this year and that they had attended a party at the home of [ ] and [ ]

The personnel file of [ ] at the Federal Communications Commission was reviewed on March 4, 1949 and reflected the following information:

He was born [ ] at Newark, New Jersey, the son of [ ] New Jersey. He is married to [ ] who was formerly in the employ of the Federal Public Housing Authority. He attended Amherst College from 1930 to 1934 and Yale Law School from 1934 to 1937. He was admitted to the New York State Bar on June 24, 1938, and is a member of the National Lawyers Guild.

He was employed by the Department of Justice, New York City, from October, 1937 to July 1938, at which time he was transferred to the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. He served in this capacity until November 1, 1940, when he was transferred to the Federal Communications Commission. He left this employment on March 20, 1943, to go on military furlough. He resigned formally from the Federal Communications Commission on July 15, 1946, while holding the title of Chief of the Field Section Law Department, in order to enter a newly formulated partnership to practice law in the District of Columbia. He presently resides at 1620 32nd Street, N.W., and is associated with the law firm of COURTNEY, KRIEGER and JORGENSEN, 1707 "H" Street, N.W.

Washington T-3 has advised that the subject [ ]

indicated that she exchanges information with HORACE J. NICKELS of the State Department concerning matters of mutual interest.

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The personnel file of HORACE JACOBS NICKELS at the State Department reflects that he was born on June 25, 1905, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. He attended Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, from 1923 to 1924; Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts from 1924 to 1925; Columbia University, New York City from 1927 to 1929; Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, spring of 1928 and 1930; University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, from 1930 to 1933; and the University of Munich, Germany, from 1933 to 1934. He is presently employed by the State Department as a Country Specialist, Division of Southern European Affairs. He has been employed at the State Department from July 16, 1945 to the present. From September 1941 to July 16, 1945, he was employed as a professor at Howard University. Previous to that, he was employed by the following universities: George Williams College, Chicago, Illinois; Colgate University, Hamilton, New York. The file reflects that HORACE J. NICKELS is married but no information is given concerning his wife.

Washington T-4 has advised that the subject is acquainted with [redacted] and [redacted] both Department of Labor.

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In 1948, the personnel files at the Department of Labor, American University and Passport Division, Department of State, concerning [redacted] reflected the following background information:

He was born [redacted] in New York City. His parents were both born in New York City. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in June, 1936, from the College of the City of New York and his LL.B. Degree in 1939 from St. Lawrence College, also known as the Brooklyn Law School, New York City. He attended American University in October of 1942 and received his Master's Degree from the American University in June of 1944. He attended the Graduate School of the Department of Agriculture during 1942 and 1943; George Washington University from September, 1941 to June 1942; Catholic University from July to October of 1942, all in Washington, D.C. He was employed from March 1940 to 1941 by Goldenkoff - Murphy in New York City. He was employed from March 1941 to December 20, 1942 with the War Department. He

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was employed by the Department of Labor from January 4, 1942, to September 19, 1946. On September 19, 1946, he transferred to the Department of the Army as an attorney in the office of the Chief of Counsel for War Crimes.

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[ ] on his form entitled "Request for Report on Loyalty Date," has stated he is a member of the National Lawyers Guild.

In 1948 [ ] resided with [ ] who is also mentioned in this report.

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Referenced New York report reflected that COPLON had in her possession on January 19, 1949, the above telephone number. The current Washington, D.C. telephone directory lists this number to [ ] previously mentioned in this report.

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Washington T-4<sup>1</sup> advised that the following individuals were acquainted with COPLON:

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[redacted]  
Washington, D.C.

In 1948 the records of the Georgetown Law School, Washington, D.C., reflected that [redacted] was born on [redacted] New York. He attended Georgetown University from September 21, 1936, to June 10, 1940. He was employed from November 19, 1937, to June 30, 1938, by the Bureau of Census. From April 10, 1939, to October 9, 1939, he was employed by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. He served in the U.S. Army from July 20, 1942 to March 21, 1946. From May 27, 1946 to August 18, 1946, he was employed by the Office of Price Administration.

[redacted]  
Washington, D.C.

In 1948 the personnel file of the Labor Department concerning [redacted] reflected that he was born [redacted] at New York City. Both of [redacted] parents were born in Russia. He attended Long Island University, New York, from 1933 to 1937. He attended the Brooklyn Law School from 1936 to 1939. He attended the New School for Social Research in New York City in 1944 taking courses in Constitutional Law. He was employed as a clerk and as assistant attorney by LOUIS JACKSON, New York City, from March 1940 to July 1941. He was employed as an attorney by SIDNEY S. GOLDSTEIN, New York City, from September 1941 to April 1942. From January 1944 to October 1944 he was employed as an assistant attorney by SAMUEL RUBIN, New York City. He was employed by the War Department from April 1942 to August 1943. He was employed on January 15, 1945, by the Labor Department. He is presently employed by the Labor Department as an appellate attorney.

Washington T-15, who is known to be reliable, has provided information that [redacted] was a member of the Communist Party in Washington, D.C., in the first part of 1943 and probably in the latter part of 1942. The Communist Party, U.S.A., has been declared by the Attorney General to come within the purview of Executive Order 9835. [redacted] in a hearing held by the U.S. Department of Labor Loyalty Board, stated he was a member of the Communist Party in New York, New York, from late August or September 1943 until possibly April 1944. [redacted] stated he was affiliated with the National Lawyers Guild.

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Washington T-16 advised that [ ] is a member of the National Lawyers Guild and that he attended the national convention of the National Lawyers Guild which was held in Chicago, Illinois, in February 1948. The National Lawyers Guild was cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a Communist front organization.

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The election records of the Board of Elections, New York City, reflected that [ ] registered to vote as a member of the American Labor Party for the years 1943 and 1944. The American Labor Party was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, on March 29, 1944, and as supporting the Communist Party by the Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Friends and contacts of [ ] state he is a "rabid" liberal.

[ ]  
Washington, D.C.

In 1943 the War Department personnel file of [ ] reflected that he was born on [ ], New York. The birthplaces of his father, [ ] are not shown. He attended Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, in 1935 and Cornell Law School in 1937. From July 1937 to July 1939 he was employed by JOSEPH H. FORMAN, Kingston, New York. From August 18, 1941, to June 7, 1942, he was employed by the Federal Communications Commission. On June 9, 1942, he transferred to the Chief of Engineers, War Department.

[ ]  
Washington, D.C.

In 1948 [ ] personnel files maintained at the Office of Price Administration, Department of the Army and the Department of Commerce reflected that he was born on [ ] New York, the son of [ ] born in Warsaw, Poland, and [ ] born in Minsk, Russia. He attended Brooklyn College, New York, from September 1937 to June 1939; Columbia University in September 1939 to June 1941. From October 1941 to September 1946 he was employed by the Office of Price Administration, Washington, D.C., as an economist. From September 1946 to March 1948 he was employed by the Department of the Army, Overseas Affairs Branch, Economic Advisor, Price and Distribution, Seoul, Korea. He accepted a temporary appointment with the Office of International Trade, Department of Commerce on May 13, 1948.

Washington T-17 advised that the name of [ ] was listed as an active member of the Washington Bookshop Association.

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Referenced New York report reflected that the names MILTON QUINT and CAB ~~CHERTKOFF~~ were in the subject's possession on January 19, 1949.

It is believed that these names refer to the following individuals:

~~MORRIS CHERTKOV~~  
4516 36th Street South  
Fairlington, Arlington, Va.

According to the personnel file maintained by the Civil Aeronautics Board, MORRIS CHERTKOV was born on January 5, 1909, at Volochisk, Russia. His father, HARRY CHERTKOV, is shown as residing in Dallas, Texas. His father and mother were born in Russia. From September 1927 to June 1933 he attended the University of Chicago at Chicago, Illinois, and received a J.D. degree. From October 21, 1947, to the present he has been employed by the Civil Aeronautics Board. At the present time his title is that of Trial Attorney. From December 30, 1946, to June 30, 1947, he was employed at the Commerce Department. From April 1942 to June 30, 1947, he was on the rolls of the Office of Price Administration. He served in the U.S. Army from July 30, 1943 to December 17, 1945. Previous to his government employment he was an assistant professor at the College of Economics and Business, University of Washington. His wife, LILLIAN ROSE CHERTKOV, nee GREEN, was born on March 12, 1908, in Dallas, Texas. In 1947 Mr. SHELLENBERGER, U.S. Department of Commerce, stated that CHERTKOV was friendly with WILLIAM ~~STAFFORD~~, who has been heard to make pro-Communist statements. CHERTKOV also represented the employees who were members of the CIO union in their objections to the method of dismissal of persons at the Office of Price Administration.

~~MILTON QUINT~~  
3863 Rodman Street, NW  
Washington, D.C.

According to the personnel file of MILTON QUINT maintained by the Economic Cooperation Administration, he was born on April 9, 1908, at Boston, Mass. From September 1925 to June 1927 he attended Boston University. From September 1927 to June 1930 he attended Boston University Law School. From October 1930, to December 1942 he practiced law. From December 1942 to June 1947 he was employed by OPA. From October 1947 to November 22, 1948 he was employed by the law firm of Buckley & Danzansky, Washington, D.C. From November 22, 1948, to the present he has been employed by the Economic Cooperation Administration. His present title is Attorney Advisor, Office of General Counsel. In his application MILTON QUINT gave as a reference STANLEY ~~I. POZNER~~. According to a confidential informant of known reliability, POZNER is a member of the National Lawyers Guild and is an active

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member of the Washington Bookshop. The Washington Bookshop has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. According to Confidential Informant T-18, the Communist Party considers the National Lawyers Guild to be a working ally.

MILTON QUINT's parents, SIMON & BESSIE GOLDSTEIN QUINT, were born in Russia. His wife's name is ESTHER QUINT.

As previously set out in this report, the subject had given LAWRENCE K. KNAPP as a reference on application for federal employment. It should be noted that LAWRENCE K. ~~KNAPP~~ was formerly chief of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, later was employed by the State Department, after which he became assistant editor of "New Republic."

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ANALYSIS OF CHECKING ACCOUNT OF SUBJECT JUDITH COPLON  
AT THE PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BRANCH OF THE  
CITY BANK, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Through the cooperation of Washington Confidential Informant T-5 at the City Bank, 10th & Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C., the checking account of the Subject was analyzed.

The checking account at the Pennsylvania Branch of the City Bank was opened on October 2, 1945, with a Cashier's Check in the amount of \$612.77 drawn on the Lincoln National Bank, 318 7th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

The deposits to this account appear to be the Subject's salary check less a small amount of cash. The following exceptions to this general rule were noted:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
November 6, 1945	\$359.37	\$270 cash & Treasury Check of \$89.37
May 20, 1946	\$320.99	Cash from U.S. Treasury Bonds in amount of \$225 & Treasury Check in amount of \$95.99
April 24, 1947	\$200.00	Cash, source of which is unknown
September 5, 1947	\$142.00	Two Treasury Checks minus a small amount of cash
December 2, 1947	\$ 97.00	Treasury Check
April 20, 1948	\$988.61	Cash arising from redemption of U.S. Treasury Bonds
September 23, 1948	\$250.00	Check drawn on a depositor of Pennsylvania Branch of City Bank, Washington, D. C.
January 7, 1949	\$157.80	Three checks in amount of \$102.25, \$30.55 & \$25

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On the following dates, there was credited to the Subject's Checking Account salary checks of the Subject:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
June 1, 1948	\$139.51
June 14, 1948	\$116.82
June 28, 1948	\$116.82
July 12, 1948	\$116.82
July 26, 1948	\$116.82

It is noted that during this period Subject JUDITH COPLON traveled in Europe. Subject JUDITH COPLON executed a Power of Attorney to the officials of the City Bank, Washington, D. C., for her salary checks.

Analysis of the checks charged to this account reflect that, on an average, ten checks were drawn per month. The checks, with the exceptions noted below, were in amounts of less than \$100. Checks in excess of \$100 are listed as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
December 22, 1945	\$127.32
May 13, 1946	\$113.20
May 28, 1946	\$100.00
February 5, 1948	\$122.00
May 7, 1948	\$125.00
May 24, 1948	\$900.00
September 14, 1948	\$166.67

Details of these checks are not known, and the City Bank does not record any of the work passing through their bank.

It is noted that Subject JUDITH COPLON traveled to Europe in the latter part of May, 1948. It was ascertained that she purchased Travelers Checks from the City Bank, Washington, D. C., on May 21, 1948, in the following amounts:

Twenty \$10 checks, Serial No. A-64320271 through 290  
 Ten \$20 checks, Serial No. B-57997055 through 064  
 Ten \$50 checks, Serial No. D-16758676 through 685

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A review of the Account Balances maintained by Subject JUDITH COPLON reflected that for the most part her Account Balance fluctuated between \$200 and \$300. It is noted that after purchase of Travelers Checks in the amount of \$900 on May 21, 1948, her balance dropped to its lowest point of \$16.69.

It was ascertained that Subject JUDITH COPLON did not borrow any money from the City Bank, Washington, D. C.

It was determined that Subject JUDITH COPLON did not have a Savings Account with the Pennsylvania Avenue Branch of the City Bank, Washington, D. C.

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Surveillance and Search of Room 135,  
Jefferson Hall, McLean Gardens, Washington, D.C.

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In accordance with the Bureau's instructions, Special Agents PAUL J. TIERNEY and CARL W. BUCHHOLTZ, instituted a surveillance of the subject's residence, room 135, Jefferson Hall, McLean Gardens, Washington, D.C. at midnight, March 4, 1949. These agents were relieved at 8:30 A.M. by Special Agents JOE R. CRAIG and EARL L. FUOSS, who continued the surveillance until 3:45 P.M. on the afternoon of March 5, 1949 and who then assisted in the search of the subject's room as will be set out hereinafter.

On March 5, 1945, Special Agent H. DUDLEY PAYNE of the Washington Field Office, deposed before United States Commissioner CYRIL S. LAWRENCE, that he and another agent had followed JUDITH COPLON from Washington, D.C. to New York City and that at about 10:00 o'clock in the evening of March 4, 1949, he had seen JUDITH COPLON brought in custody into the New York Office of the F.B.I. and had later there taken possession of typewritten papers which he knew to be abstracts from Department of Justice files.

Mrs. GERALDINE DeVAUGHN, a housemaid in the service of McLean Gardens, Washington, D. C., deposed that she had cleaned the subject's apartment, room 135, in Jefferson Hall, McLean Gardens, every Friday, that she had seen a typewriter in JUDITH COPLON's apartment and specifically recalled having seen it there on Friday, February 25, 1949.

Special Agent T. SCOTT MILLER, JR. of the New York Office was contacted telephonically from the Office of the United States Commissioner, LAWRENCE, and after being identified by voice by SA H. DUDLEY PAYNE, Agent MILLER deposed that he had taken the aforementioned documents from the subject's purse.

On the basis of these depositions, Commissioner LAWRENCE thereupon issued a search warrant, Commissioner's Docket #2, Case #564, in the matter of the United States of America versus JUDITH COPLON authorizing a search of apartment #135, Jefferson Hall, McLean Gardens, Washington, D.C., occupied by JUDITH COPLON, for a typewriter, typewriting paper, carbon paper, erasers, documents and files belonging to the United States Department of Justice, relating to the National Defense

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which are the instrumentalities and fruits of violations of Title 18, Sections 371, 793, 794 and 2071, of the U.S. Code. This search warrant was served on Mr. CHARLES L. ALLISON, manager, McLean Gardens, Washington, D.C. at 3:45 P.M. on the afternoon of March 5, 1949 by SA LUDWIG W.R. OBERNDORF. MR. ALLISON then permitted SA's OBERNDORF, JOE R. CRAIG and EARL L. FUOSS access to room 135, Jefferson Hall, McLean Garden, Washington, D.C.

These premises were searched by the above agents and on the basis of the search warrant, the following materials were seized:

- 1 L.C. Smith and Corona standard portable type-writer in a black carrying case, Serial No. 1C180116.
- 1 Box of "Write" carbon paper, manufactured by the Write, Incorporated, Bridgeport, Connecticut of 8 and 10½ inch black, light-weight special use carbon paper.
- 2 Sheets of writing paper, mottled in appearance.
- 4 Sheets of typing paper.
- 2 Half sheets of bond paper, roughly cut or torn on one edge.
- 1 Abstract pad, consisting of 13 pages.

The Corona Typewriter was transmitted to the FBI Laboratory on March 5, 1949 with a request that typing specimens from the machine be compared with the material obtained from the subject in New York City on March 4, 1949. The other material taken from subject's room at McLean Gardens was submitted to the FBI Laboratory on March 7, 1949 with a request that it be examined to determine whether it could be identified with the material taken from the subject in New York City.

A surveillance of subject's residence was discontinued after the completion of the search at 6:40 P.M., March 5, 1949. No unauthorized person entered or left room 135, Jefferson Hall, McLean Gardens, during the period of this surveillance.

The search warrant, together with the itemized list of material which had been seized were returned to U.S. Commissioner CYRIL S. LAWRENCE by SA OBERNDORF on March 7, 1949.

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INTERVIEWS OF ASSOCIATES, CONTACTS AND  
FELLOW EMPLOYEES OF JUDITH COPLON CONDUCTED  
AFTER HER ARREST.

A. HARRY ~~BECKER~~,  
3700 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.  
Employed, Federal Communications Commission

On March 5, 1949, from 7:50 to 8:35 P. M., Mr. A. HARRY BECKER was interviewed by Special Agents STANLEY T. BLASZEK and JOHN E. HOWARD at the Washington Field Office.

Mr. A. HARRY BECKER stated he was employed as Chief of Administrations Branch, Litigation and Administrative Division, Bureau of Law, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D. C. He stated that he first became acquainted with subject JUDITH COPLON either late in 1943 or early in 1944 through his sister, SARAH BECKER. He stated his sister, SARAH BECKER, was employed with JUDITH COPLON in the Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, in New York City.

Mr. BECKER stated that his relationship with JUDITH COPLON while in New York was purely social and that it was limited to two dinner engagements. He stated that his social connection with JUDITH COPLON continued in Washington, D. C., and that in September 1945 while living at Buckingham, 4365 North Pershing Drive, Arlington Virginia, he recalls definitely that she visited at this address on one occasion and possibly on two or three others. It is to be noted that while BECKER lived in Buckingham, HAROLD SHAPIRO occupied an apartment in the same court and may have met subject at his, BECKER's apartment. He feels sure that on at least one occasion SHAPIRO, COPLON and his sister, SARAH, were at his apartment at the same time. This might have been at a surprise birthday party tendered him by his wife on his birthday May 6, 1946.

Since residing at his present address, COPLON has been in his apartment on two or three occasions. In addition to this, SHAPIRO, COPLON and Mr. and Mrs. BECKER have been out together on several occasions. He recalls that they were together on New Year's Eve and believed that SHAPIRO and COPLON had been at his apartment on one occasion since then. He did not remember just when this was but believes that it was within the last six weeks and more than two weeks ago.

The last time that he saw COPLON was on Tuesday, March 2, 1949. This meeting took place at SHAPIRO's apartment where he had

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gone in response to an engagement to play gin rummy. On this occasion, COPLON was not feeling well and had fixed dinner for herself and SHAPIRO at the latter's apartment and had stayed on afterwards working on her paper for her Master's Degree. During the course of the interview, BECKER recalled a conversation that took place on this evening wherein COPLON had expressed concern over the FBI having her phone tapped and had asked him what he knew about such activities on the part of the FBI. BECKER asked subject what her concern was about such activities on the part of the FBI and she asked if they would listen to a dirty story whereupon BECKER replied that they were looking for something bigger than that if they had somebody's phone tapped. BECKER stated that subject mentioned hearing clicking and humming noises on her telephone and BECKER replied that it was probably her imagination.

BECKER advised that it had come to his attention, probably through his sister, that within the last few months COPLON has been making frequent trips to New York City. He stated that although her family lives in New York that he did not believe, and had no information to indicate, that prior to the past few months she had gone to New York other than several times a year when she would visit her family, generally over a holiday or during the holiday seasons. BECKER stated that he knows SHAPIRO went to New York with COPLON over the Inaugural weekend and that she had gone to New York the previous weekend, but not with SHAPIRO. He stated also that COPLON went to New York over the Washington's Birthday weekend.

In telling of his background of knowledge concerning COPLON's activities and trips, he stated that he is sure that had she made frequent trips to New York prior to the past several months, his sister would have called this to the attention of either himself or his wife. He advised further that COPLON and SHAPIRO have only been going together regularly for about three or four months and that prior to the time SHAPIRO started going steady with COPLON, he spent most of his weekends with the BECKERS. Since he started going with COPLON, he has been spending approximately every other weekend at the BECKERS, calling them and telling them that COPLON had gone to New York. BECKER stated that LOU MOSES, who is employed by the Federal Housing Administration, 18th and F streets, N. W., mentioned to him that he had met COPLON on the train from New York after the Washington Birthday weekend.

In attempting to summarize his impression of COPLON, BECKER stated that she impressed him as being a very bright, mixed-up, confused-thinking girl who doesn't know what she wants and has never

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been happy in her work. She has been constantly telling SHAPIRO and SARAH BECKER that she was going to quit her job and go back to New York. He recalled an incident that illustrates her confusion in that during the summer of 1948 she sold all of her furniture in order to make a trip to Europe to see some man whose identity is unknown to BECKER. In this connection, he advised that the only man he has ever known COPLON to keep company with is SHAPIRO but he had heard that she was smitten heavily by a soldier stationed in the Arctic with the Army. He thought perhaps that his sister would know more about COPLON's love affairs.

On one occasion BECKER's sister told him that COPLON had mentioned to her that the reason she was not getting along better at work was that her employer was aware that she had lived or roomed at the home of an individual who ran a second-hand store on 7th Street who was far to the left and possibly a Communist. He stated that this was the only indication that COPLON ever gave him that she might be more aware of political matters than the ordinary person might be. From her general conversation, BECKER stated that she would be classified as a liberal. He stated that she never did anything or said anything that would indicate disloyalty to the United States, and as far as he knows, prior to her arrest, SHAPIRO had no reason to question her loyalty.

BECKER stated that his sister, SARAH, had on occasion made remarks which indicated to him that she had some doubt as to COPLON's morals and often commented that COPLON was too sophisticated for SHAPIRO. He concluded by stating that he would hate to think that she was capable of or stupid enough to do the things that he understood from the newspapers she has been accused of having done.

BECKER advised that he has known SHAPIRO for several years and at the present time considers him one of his closest friends. He was asked concerning other associates of COPLON's and stated that the only person whom he could think of who might be in a position to furnish information concerning her was one [redacted] whose maiden name was [redacted] [redacted] who was a classmate of hers at Barnard College. [redacted] is married to a young doctor in New York City. COPLON told BECKER that she saw [redacted] in New York a week ago today.

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MISS SARAH BECKER,  
Apartment 310,  
McReynolds Apartments,  
18th and G Streets, N. W.  
Employed, American Red Cross

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From 4:40 P. M. to 6:10 P. M. on March 5, 1949, Miss SARAH BECKER was interviewed in the Washington Field Office by Special Agents ROBERT K. McQUEEN and EDWARD F. HUMMER.

Miss BECKER advised that she was acquainted with JUDITH COPLON since 1943 when both were employed by the Department of Justice at New York City. Miss BECKER, herself, entered on duty with the Department February 1943 at Washington and was transferred in May 1943 to New York City. Her transfer to New York was made permanent in September 1943.

Her acquaintance with the subject in New York was a friendly one as she and Miss COPLON lunched together and worked on one assignment together, namely, the Nirosta Corporation case involving patent-holding corporations in the United States controlled by the German Krupp interests. Miss COPLON did the final editing of the report while Miss BECKER did the research. While in New York, Miss BECKER saw the subject every day. Miss BECKER added that she never went out socially with the subject at night but was aware that the subject resided in Brooklyn with her parents.

Miss BECKER met the subject's sister-in-law SHIRLEY COPLON, but never met the subject's parents. She was aware that the subject had a brother, BERTRAM COPLON, and also was aware from subject's conversation that subject had an aunt living with her. Miss BECKER further advised that from conversations with the subject, she was aware that the subject's father had been ill for some time suffering from a brain disorder. From further conversation Miss BECKER's impression is that the subject's father operated either a toy agency or had been a toy manufacturer and that the brother took over this business upon his discharge from the armed forces. As far as Miss BECKER is concerned, the subject's brother was a sergeant and she does not know of any overseas assignment he may have had.

Concerning the subject, Miss BECKER stated that she did not have to support her family, that she dressed rather plainly and at no time indicated she was hard up for funds. In

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Concerning her close friends in New York, Miss BECKER stated that the subject was closely associated with [redacted], whose maiden name was [redacted]. She now resides in [redacted] New York. Her father was [redacted] worked with JUDITH COPLON and knew her also at Barnard College. Another friend was ROBERT WOHLFORTH, who headed the Department of Justice Staff and is still with the Department. [redacted] was another associate who knew COPLON at Barnard College. [redacted] is now in the advertising business and probably resides with her parents in [redacted] New Jersey. Another friend was [redacted] who knew the subject at Barnard College and who is now practicing law in New York City. Miss BECKER stated that COPLON entered on duty with the Department of Justice in July 1943, being a recent graduate from Barnard in the previous June. COPLON worked in New York until the winter of 1945. Following COPLON's transfer to Washington, Miss BECKER stated that the subject resided in an apartment on Tunlow Road where she lived. Miss BECKER recalled visiting the subject at Tunlow Apartments approximately three times.

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Concerning this apartment, Miss BECKER stated the subject typed there, however, she never saw the subject type and never saw the typewriter. Subject went to American University, studying for an M.A. Degree. As far as Miss BECKER knows, subject was interested in international relations and political science and completed her academic courses for her Master's Degree but has not written a thesis. It is her understanding the subject entered American University in the fall of 1945 and attended for approximately one and a half years. Professor PITTMAN POTTER of American University was her faculty advisor and would know the subject matter of her thesis.

Concerning the subject's present residence in McLean Gardens, Miss BECKER stated that she never visited this apartment. Since coming to Washington Miss BECKER has lunched with the subject three or four times in the last two years but is still considered a friend of the subject but not necessarily her closest friend. Miss BECKER stated she could not give the names of any other friends of the subject as she has never met them. However, on occasions, the subject did confide to Miss BECKER telling her about her expected surgery which she subsequently underwent at Garfield Hospital in the spring of 1946. Miss BECKER further advised that the subject had been going to doctors in New York City and took a series of tests in New York hospitals. Subject never complained about being hard pressed to pay medical bills.

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Concerning the last social engagement with the subject, Miss BECKER stated that she saw the subject at a New Year's Party with her escort, HAROLD SHAPIRO. She stated that SHAPIRO was very fond of the subject, but was not officially engaged to her. Miss BECKER stated it was her impression, based on conversation with subject, that she did not consider marrying SHAPIRO and in fact, went out with other men, whom she could not name.

Concerning SHAPIRO, Miss BECKER stated that he and the subject became acquainted and started going together approximately three months ago. Before that time the two had occasional dates. Miss BECKER did not know, however, whether SHAPIRO went out with other girls but was aware of the fact that the subject went out with other men. Some of her close friends and associates in Washington are [redacted] now residing in Annapolis, Maryland, and employed by JAMES MARTIN, a former attorney in the Department of Justice, now writing a book; PAULINE BRAVER, aka Mrs. MILTON BRAVER, now residing in New York City on 52nd Street near 10th Avenue; NATHAN LENVIN, an attorney in the Department of Justice; [redacted], also with the Department of Justice.

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Concerning the outside activities and hobbies and interests of the subject, Miss BECKER stated the subject was interested in the modern dance and photography; that she owned an expensive camera, the exact make she could not recall and was very serious about photography, however, Miss BECKER never knew the subject to be interested in copying documents with a camera and has never seen the subject's photo album; further, the subject has taken tennis lessons and has read many books. Miss BECKER considers the subject to be an intelligent well read person whom others might well call an intellectual or intelligentsia type.

Concerning any organization to which the subject may have belonged, Miss BECKER stated she does not know of any; that the subject did not belong to any sorority; that the subject never went around the Jewish Community Center in Washington and further, was not a religious person and did not attend to her religious obligations. She often went to the movies and possessed a sizeable record album of good music.

Concerning her travels, Miss BECKER stated the subject went to New York at least once a month for the past year but would not say her trips to New York were weekly. So far as Miss BECKER was concerned, the purpose of the trips to New York was to visit subject's parents. Subject went to Europe in May 1948, and returned in July

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of the same year, visiting Switzerland and Italy. She flew over by plane and came back on a ship. The purpose of the trip according to Miss BECKER was one of vacation and the subject went alone. While abroad, the subject bought gifts for her parents and even brought a gift for her, Miss BECKER.

Concerning the cost of the trip and the source of funds for the trip, Miss BECKER advised that it was her impression that the cost came from subject's savings, as Miss BECKER stated that she herself could make such a trip out of her own savings if she so desired. Miss BECKER further stated that this assumption of hers was based on the fact that she never knew the subject to be hard pressed for funds or to support her family and all money she retained or spent on herself was her own salary. Miss BECKER knew of no outside income earned by the subject and the subject did not receive money from her family.

Miss BECKER further advised that the subject had a friend in France who arranged hotel accommodations and travel accommodations but whose name she could not recall.

Politically, Miss BECKER stated that subject was a Democrat and favored the re-election of President TRUMAN and she never mentioned the candidacy of HENRY A. WALLACE. Miss BECKER has engaged the subject in conversation concerning current events and developments of the times. She stated that from her conversation the subject was in favor of the United Nations but on the other hand never mentioned pro or con the Marshall Plan, Universal Military Training, the blockade of Berlin or any subject which Communists universally oppose the current American policy. In fact, Miss BECKER stated, the subject seemed to avoid controversial subjects, especially conversation regarding the loyalty program. She seemed to be overly cautious and particularly did not want to give the impression to any one that she might be disloyal to this government.

Concerning the publicity in the papers during the past year regarding revelations made by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Miss BECKER stated that the name of NORMAN BURSNER was mentioned in the papers and Miss BECKER stated that she was acquainted with BURSNER as he started her out on one assignment in the Department of Justice. Later, he went overseas and Miss BECKER has not seen him for some time. Miss COPLON knew him in the same office in New York. When the publicity regarding BURSNER broke in the papers, Miss COPLON called her, Miss BECKER, up and said, "What do you think of that man?" Miss BECKER expressed surprise at the news as did Miss COPLON.

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Further concerning the subject's political perusasions, Miss BECKER stated that she had been advised by others that while at Barnard College the subject was a member of a "liberal or radical" group and there were rumors to the effect that this fact prevented the subject from becoming a member of Phi Beta Kappa National Honorary Society. Miss BECKER indicated that she thought the college yearbook would disclose the college groups to which the subject belonged. Miss BECKER gathered from conversation with the subject that the subject's father was a Republican with whom the subject differed politically,

Concerning the subject's background, Miss BECKER stated that it is her further understanding that subject's parents were both born in the United States and that a grandparent on her father's side participated in the American Civil War. She has never known the subject by any other name and has never heard the subject mention having relatives in any European country, especially those behind the Iron Curtain. Subject's family consists of her mother and father, her brother and the subject and an aunt who lives with them. In fact, Miss BECKER cannot recall the subject's ever mentioning Russia or Russian foreign policy.

Concerning a motive for the subject's furnishing confidential information, Miss BECKER stated there is nothing in her character to suggest that the subject could be bribed, the subject has never been pressed for funds and has never borrowed any money from Miss BECKER or any one else to her knowledge. Subject's moral reputation is good as far as she knows; she never knew the subject to live with any one as man and wife and further never knew her to stay at a man's home overnight.

Concerning further friends and associates, Miss BECKER stated the subject has kept up acquaintances with former college classmates. While employed in the same office in New York, Miss BECKER stated it was not common to take office work home at night to be returned in the morning and she has never known the subject to take office work home in Washington. Miss BECKER has never been approached by the subject to furnish any confidential information to her and this applies to the American Red Cross where Miss BECKER is currently employed.

Concerning SHAPIRO, Miss BECKER stated she first met him a few years ago, but to her knowledge, SHAPIRO and the subject have been going together since about Christmas, 1948.

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Miss BECKER last talked to the subject in regard to SHAPIRO about one month ago. She last talked to the subject on Thursday, March 3, at which time the subject told her that she, the subject, was going to New York. Miss BECKER stated her own brother, A. HARRY BECKER, 3700 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., is a friend of HAROLD SHAPIRO. Miss BECKER stated she has no knowledge whether the subject ever attended any embassy social gatherings in Washington and had no knowledge of any acquaintance the subject had with any persons connected with the United Nations. Miss BECKER never saw the "Daily Worker", "New Masses" or any Communist literature in the possession of the subject. She further knows of no groups the subject is associated with in Washington or in New York. Subject's mother and father are her natural parents and there is no step-father or step-mother involved.

As previously stated, Miss BECKER said the subject seemed very sensitive toward the loyalty program and gave Miss BECKER the impression that she, the subject, did not want to get involved with anything that would question her loyalty, in fact, the subject seemed to be more sensitive toward the loyalty program than any other person Miss BECKER knows.

Concerning her own background, Miss BECKER stated that she was born April 29, 1911 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Her father is ABRAHAM BECKER, 72 years of age, born in Lithuania and who entered the United States about 1901. Her mother is ANNA BECKER, born in Lithuania, and is residing with her husband in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Miss BECKER has the following brother and sisters:

Brother, SAMUEL BECKER, New York City, engaged in the private practice of law with the firm of Becker, Berman and Odell; Brother, A. HARRY BECKER, 3700 Massachusetts Avenue, attorney with the FCC; Sister, Mrs. MORSE SHIRMON, residing at Hartland, Wisconsin; Sister, Miss REBECCA BECKER, residing at home with the parents.

Concerning her own educational background, Miss BECKER stated she received an A. B. Degree in 1931, a Master's Degree in 1932 and a Ph. D. in 1935, all from the University of Wisconsin, and all majoring in history and political science. She was employed from 1936 to 1942 with the Historical Records Survey, a WPA project on a state basis. She was editorial research adviser. She came to Washington in 1942 and was employed by the Library of Congress for two months, and then entered on duty with the Department of Justice in February 1943. She

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had a P rating but did not have Civil Service status. She was terminated by a reduction in force and is presently employed by the American Red Cross on historical research. Miss BECKER stated that on March 5, 1949, at approximately 9:00 A. M. in the morning, she had been informed by her brother, HARRY, that HAROLD SHAPIRO had called him just previously and was considerably worried and upset over the radio announcement to the effect that JUDITH COPLON had been arrested by the FBI.

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Miss ESTHER PAULINE ANNIS  
Apartment 910  
1900 F Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.  
Employed by the Department of State

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On Sunday, March 6, 1949, Miss ESTHER PAULINE ANNIS, 1900 F Street, N. W., Apt. 910, who is a Divisional Assistant, Division of Security, United States Department of State, was interviewed at the Washington Field Office by Special Agents Jack Turton and Donald D. Connors.

Miss ANNIS advised she was born August 4, 1909 at Great Bend, Kansas, and resides in Washington with her mother who was born at Topeka, Kansas. Her father currently resides at Great Bend, Kansas, was born in McPherson and her grand parents homesteaded in the State of Kansas. She advised that both her mother and her father were her true parents and that she has no step parents.

Miss ANNIS entered government service on August 5, 1935 with the Public Buildings Administration where she was employed until February 17, 1942. At this time she returned to Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, Kansas, and took an A. B. Degree in July, 1942. On June 28, 1942, she was employed by the United States Department of State and her employment there has been uninterrupted to date.

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Miss ANNIS advised that on approximately July 1, 1947, she transferred to the Division of Foreign Activities Correlation in the Division of Security at the State Department and replaced one [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Miss ANNIS advised that Miss CLAYPOOL left with her the name of JUDITH COPLON, and explained that COPLON was the individual in the Department of Justice with whom she would converse in the regular exchange of information between the Foreign Agents Registration Service and the United States Department of Justice. Miss ANNIS explained that approximately six weeks after she took Miss CLAYPOOL's place, she visited COPLON at the Justice Department to make her acquaintance. At this time she was also introduced to [REDACTED] and one Mrs. LONGLEY, and an attorney named LENVIN. ANNIS advised that this was the first time she had seen COPLON although she had been in previous telephonic contact. b6 b7C

In regard to telephone contacts, Miss ANNIS stated that COPLON would call her at least once a week and probably with slightly greater frequency.

In this connection, Miss ANNIS advised that COPLON had never asked questions which she, ANNIS, thought were not proper to COPLON's duty. She

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amplified this statement by advising that on two occasions COPLON had asked questions which were not strictly consistent with COPLON's employment with the Foreign Agents Registration Service, but which Miss ANNIS understood to be proper to COPLON's concern with the internal security matters. It was ANNIS' understanding that COPLON handled a certain amount of internal security work as a necessary correlative to her Foreign Agents Registration Service employment.

Shortly after Miss ANNIS had visited COPLON at the Justice Department, COPLON came to the State Department office and talked with ANNIS and one BRADLEY PATTERSON who is in SSR (Policy Registry Branch, The Office of the Secretary) in the State Department. This visit was in line with COPLON's employment in the Justice Department and Miss ANNIS recalled that she stayed for lunch and that COPLON, BRADLEY PATTERSON and ANNIS herself went to lunch together. Miss ANNIS places this visit in about April, 1948, inasmuch as COPLON was preparing to make a trip to Europe at this time and PATTERSON left the State Department sometime in May, 1948. At this time COPLON was interested in her passport and visa arrangements and during lunch, it is Miss ANNIS' recollection, that COPLON advised that she was going to call the USSR Embassy to get a visa to visit Russia. COPLON was asked why she wanted to go to Russia and she replied that she "just wanted to see what Russia was like". BRADLEY PATTERSON pointed out to her that she would not be able to see anything in Russia even if she were able to get a visa and added that she would be very foolish to call the Russian Embassy inasmuch as all the Justice Department phones were tapped and that if she called the Embassy, this call would come to the attention of her supervisor and she might jeopardize her position. Miss ANNIS recalled that COPLON made no comment on this remark at the time but sometime later agreed such a call would have been foolish and indicated to Miss ANNIS that she had given up the idea of visiting USSR and had not make the call to the Embassy.

With regard to COPLON's European trip, Miss ANNIS stated that so far as she knows COPLON visited France. Miss ANNIS advised she could furnish no further details in connection with this trip. She stated that she did not know whether or not COPLON had met any friends abroad and what her activities had been in Europe. Miss ANNIS was of the opinion that this trip was a pleasure trip and thought that COPLON went alone. She advised that they had little conversation with respect to this trip and remembered that on her return COPLON's only comment on her trip to Europe was that she had enjoyed French food.

In approximately September, 1948, Miss ANNIS' brother visited her, crowding the apartment space that Miss ANNIS and her mother maintained. As a consequence, Miss ANNIS moved to McLean Gardens on or about October 4, 1948.

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It will be recalled COPLON at this time lived at McLean Gardens. Miss ANNIS said that while she was at McLean Gardens, she had dinner with COPLON on one occasion at the Hot Shoppe near McLean Gardens and that COPLON had picked up Miss ANNIS in the lobby of Hancock Hall. She stated that as they were leaving the Hot Shoppe Miss COPLON told her that some of her friends had just come in and that she wanted to see them and excused herself. Miss ANNIS did not know the identity of these individuals but said COPLON referred to them as her "lawyer friends".

With regard to COPLON's friends, Miss ANNIS advised that she was completely ignorant as to the identity of COPLON's associates and advised that COPLON had introduced her to no one and had mentioned no friends of hers to ANNIS. Miss ANNIS advised that on one occasion just before Christmas, 1948, she had met COPLON for lunch at the 400 Club and that the conversation at this lunch had been very general. She recalled that COPLON had asked her whether or not the play "Red Gloves", then playing in Baltimore, was Communist propaganda. Miss ANNIS advised she thought at the time that COPLON was referring to "Red Shoes" then playing at the National Theatre, and that she had a little difficulty understanding COPLON's question. She was unable to recall any other details of this conversation but thought that COPLON asked about "Red Gloves" in view of COPLON's employment which was such that she, COPLON, would be interested in whether or not the play was actually Communist propaganda.

At the same lunch meeting, COPLON mentioned that she had called or visited, probably called, the New York Office of the State Department. It is to be noted that there are two functions of the State Department in New York City; first, Regional Office of the Personnel Division which handles State Department functions including VOA, etc., and second, the employment office of the U. S. Delegation to the United Nations which is maintained in New York as a separate entity to the State Department. COPLON advised Miss ANNIS that she was interested in obtaining employment at the State Department at New York City. Miss ANNIS advised that she did not know to which office COPLON referred. Miss ANNIS assumed because she knew COPLON's parents were in New York that COPLON desired to be closer to home.

On one other occasion COPLON and ANNIS planned to have lunch together but due to bad weather this engagement was cancelled.

Of these meetings, Miss ANNIS suggested that COPLON visit the State Department, this visit resulting in the luncheon with BRADLEY PATTERSON mentioned above. COPLON suggested the dinner at the Hot Shoppe, the luncheon at the 400 Club and the luncheon engagement which was called off.

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With respect to COPLON's trips to New York, ANNIS advised that she knew that COPLON made periodic trips to New York but was of the opinion that she went to see her parents. ANNIS advised that she knew COPLON was studying law and that COPLON had dropped the course because she desired to practice law in New York State but had ascertained that the bar examinations there were extremely difficult and had thought she would be unable to pass those examinations.

Miss ANNIS advised that State Department records will indicate, approximately at least, what information she has furnished to COPLON and added that it has been her habit to keep a notebook record of her telephone conversations, including those with COPLON. She offered to make this notebook available.

Miss ANNIS advised that at no time had COPLON discussed the Hiss Case, the Bentley disclosures and that they had never discussed Communist matters. COPLON had never talked about the United Nations.

Miss ANNIS advised she was "amazed" of COPLON's arrest and the subsequent newspaper stories. ANNIS stated that in the past few weeks COPLON had requested her to talk to her, COPLON, when calling the Foreign Agents Registration Branch of the Department of Justice. Miss ANNIS attributed this to professional jealousy between Attorney Seniors, who shared her office, and COPLON.

Miss ANNIS advised that JANET ROBERTS, an employee in her office at the State Department, had handled her work last week while she was on sick leave and COPLON had made the same request to ROBERTS concerning the fact that anyone in the State Department should talk only with COPLON relative to any questions that COPLON had submitted to the State Department.

ANNIS recalled an occasion in which COPLON had expressed interest in a French artist who was in the United States making speeches. COPLON asked ANNIS for an opinion in connection with whether or not a statement made by the artist should be considered to be Communist propaganda. Again ANNIS attributed this interest to COPLON's employment. She could recall no further details in this regard.

Miss ANNIS recalled that COPLON resided at Jefferson Hall, McLean Gardens, and added that she herself resided at Hancock Hall, McLean Gardens. She said she had received from COPLON her private phone number, which was WOODLEY 5219. She explained that at McLean Gardens there was a phone booth in the hall and that most people depended upon this phone for incoming and outgoing calls.

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Miss ANNIS summarized her acquaintanceship with COPLON by stating that it was not a close social relationship and that she had seen COPLON only on the occasions indicated above.

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In connection with                      Miss ANNIS advised that                      did occasionally call her for information. It is noted that these calls were made while                      was employed by the Justice Department prior to his present employment with International Functional Intelligence at the State Department. Miss ANNIS recalled two specific occasions on which                      called and advised that he wanted a copy of an airgram, indicating specific date, number and place of origin. Miss ANNIS advised that she was surprised that                      would know the number, date and origin of an airgram and asked                      where he had obtained this information and                      replied only, "I have a contact". Miss ANNIS advised that on both of these occasions she had cleared with the desks of the country in which the airgram originated with regard to whether or not                      should be furnished these airgrams and that on each occasion the country desk had indicated that he should be furnished the airgrams.

An airgram is a summary of information from a particular country from State Department source in that country. It is more detailed than a telegram and less detailed than a full dispatch. Miss ANNIS recalled that on each of the two mentioned occasions the airgrams were classified no higher than confidential.

It should be noted that according to Miss ANNIS and Mr. JOSEPH ~~AMSHEY~~, 1448 Spring Road, N. W., and Chief, Evaluation Branch, Division of Security, U. S. Department of State, it is possible that                      may have been legitimately furnished with this information in regard to the airgrams although such notification would normally come through Miss ANNIS. Both Mr. ~~AMSHEY~~ and Miss ANNIS advised that it would be irregular for                      to know the date, country of origin, and number of the airgram. Miss ANNIS advised that the country desk clearing these airgrams made no reference to whether                      had been previously furnished this information.

It will be noted that in accordance with Bureau instructions, Mr. ~~AMSHEY~~ was present during the interview of Miss ANNIS.

It is noted that ~~AMSHEY~~ and ANNIS promised full cooperation with regard to ascertaining the substance of the airgrams which                      requested.

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Washington, D. C.  
Formerly employed at the Department of Justice

From approximately 7:15 P.M. to 8:30 P.M., on March 5, 1949, [redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed in the presence of her husband, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that she first met JUDITH COPLON at the time JUDITH COPLON first became employed by the Department of Justice in 1943, at which time, [redacted] was a stenographer assigned to work for a Mr. NEMZER in the Foreign Agents Registration Act section of the Department. For the first few years from 1943 COPLON did not have a stenographer assigned to take her work and from time to time [redacted] did typing for her and took dictation from her. In May 1947 NEMZER left the Department of Justice and went to the State Department, at which time [redacted] was assigned as a stenographer to COPLON. From May 1947 until approximately October 1947, [redacted] was assigned to COPLON as a stenographer. In October 1947 [redacted] left the Department of Justice and from that time until the present has seen COPLON on about three occasions when [redacted] visited her former office in the Department and on one occasion recalls having lunch with COPLON. She advised that she had visited COPLON at her apartment on Tunlaw Road in about 1945, at which time COPLON was recuperating from an operation which [redacted] said had been for appendicitis and some female trouble.

[redacted] stated she considered COPLON to be a very sociable and sweet person and very kind-hearted to all persons with whom she was acquainted. She recalled as an example on one occasion when COPLON had visited New York, she had brought [redacted] a pair of earrings as a gift.

COPLON, who was an analyst, had access to all information in the Foreign Agents Registration Act section, as did all other employees as far as [redacted] knew. An analyst such as COPLON would review information concerning the particular nationality work on which she was working, which information would come from newspapers, magazines, FBI reports and other sources. Upon completion of this review, the analyst, COPLON, would type or dictate a summary or abstract of the pertinent information which would be typed and maintained in the files of the Foreign Agents Registration Act section. The original source of information, in the event it was an FBI report, would be routed back to the Department of Justice files.

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In regard to associates and friends of COPLON, [ ] stated as far as she knew, COPLON had no close friends but stated that undoubtedly LOUIS NEMZER, who is mentioned above and who presently is a professor at Ohio State University, would be well acquainted with her, as would be a Mr. PUTZEL, who formerly worked in that section. She stated that there was a NATHAN LENVIN, an attorney in the Department of Justice, who had worked with COPLON on many cases. She stated that [ ] was a friend of COPLON and for some period of time until [ ] left the Department of Justice COPLON and he had shared the same room in the Department. She stated that at times COPLON mentioned having dates with various men but [ ] could not recall any of their names. She stated COPLON was friendly with a young girl about her age who was employed by an attorney in the Antitrust Division of the Department and whose office was located on the second floor of the Justice Building. She stated that she recalled one [ ] an attorney in the Department, also knew COPLON well. She suggested that MRS. ELDRED, the receptionist in the Foreign Agents Registration Act section, as well as MARY HAWKINS, who was a stenographer, assigned to COPLON after [ ] left, would know her well. She said that DAVID BOOKSTAYER, who she believed was now Dean of the Washington Law School, had been chief of COPLON's section at one time, about 1946 or 1947, and undoubtedly knew her. She stated that VERA MC CLAIN, who is now Mrs. HARRY FISHER, had been COPLON's stenographer at one time and that [ ] had also been COPLON's stenographer. Other individuals who undoubtedly knew COPLON through their work in the Foreign Agents Registration Act section were RAYMOND WHEARTY, Mr. FOLEY, present head of the Foreign Agents Registration Act section, Mr. SHARP, formerly head of this section, and who is now a practicing attorney in Washington, D. C., and Mr. JESSIE M. MC KNIGHT, now at the State Department, who once headed the Foreign Agents Registration Act section.

[ ] advised he had met COPLON once or twice while visiting his wife's office but that he had no other association with her.

[ ] advised that she had never been requested by COPLON to do any copying for her other than that done in the course of official duties and that she had never worked for her after hours outside the Department of Justice Building in the typing or preparing of any material. She stated that from her own experience, she felt that it was "very easy" for any employee of the Foreign Agents Registration Act section so minded to remove any information available in that section from the Department and/or to communicate it to anyone. She stated, however, that it was her understanding that no information other than the filed registration statements, which are a matter of public record, was to be communicated out of the section except through established channels. [ ] advised she had no

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information as to COPLON's political ideologies or feelings nor did she have any information which she felt indicated that COPLON may or may not have been engaged in espionage activities. She advised that she knew of no organizations to which COPLON belonged, and because there was a difference in their personalities in that COPLON was intellectually minded and interested in study of music and selective plays and also because her position was a clerical one, inferior to COPLON's position, they had no social acquaintanceship.

[redacted] advised that the newspaper accounts reflecting COPLON's arrest had been a shock to her and that it was possible on thinking the matter over carefully that she would be able to provide additional information and if so would communicate with the Washington Field Office. [redacted] is presently unemployed.

[redacted] furnished a signed statement, which is quoted as follows.

"Washington, D. C.  
March 5, 1949

"I, [redacted] make the following free and voluntary statement to WILLIAM V. SLEVIN and CHARLES W. PEASINGER, who I know to be Special Agents of the F.B.I. I realize this statement may be used against me in a court of law.

I presently reside at [redacted] Washington, D. C. I was employed in the Department of Justice from 1941 to about October 1947.

I first met JUDITH COPLON in 1943 when she came to work in the Foreign Agents Registration Act section of the Department of Justice. At that time I was assigned as a stenographer to a Mr. LOUIS NEMZER in that section but from time to time did work for JUDITH COPLON. This continued up until about May 1947 when I was assigned exclusively to work for JUDITH COPLON. I worked for her until I left the Department of Justice in October 1947.

During the period from 1943 to 1947 I was in daily contact with JUDITH COPLON. I was not however a social acquaintance of hers although I did have lunch with her about three times and visited her apartment once when she lived on Tunlaw Road. This visit to her apartment was when she was recuperating from an operation in about 1945.

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In connection with her position in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice JUDITH COPLON had access to all information in that section. The rule in the section was that no one was to take material from the files home with them or away from the Department. Nor were employees of the section permitted to give out information, except the Registration statements which were a matter of public record, to any person except through established channels.

I know nothing concerning JUDITH COPLON's political ideology nor do I know whether or not she has ever taken confidential material from the files of the Justice Department or communicated information to any person not officially entitled thereto. I have no information indicating that JUDITH COPLON at any time engaged in any espionage activity.

I have read this page and the preceding page, and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signed)

[Redacted Signature]

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(Signed)

WILLIAM V. SLEVIN

Sp. Agt., F.B.I., Washington, D. C.

CHARLES W. PEASINGER

Sp. Agt., F.B.I., Washington, D.C.

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INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Attorney, Department of Justice, was interviewed by Special Agents EDWARD F. HUMMER and ROBERT K. McQUEEN. [REDACTED] stated he first met JUDITH COPLON for the first time in July, 1945, when both were employed by the Department of Justice Foreign Agents Registration Act Section. BRODIE stated that COPLON was already on the job when he entered on duty with the Department. His first contacts of course were almost daily and on one occasion he occupied desk space in the same room with COPLON. Approximately three years ago he remembers visiting COPLON's apartment on Tunlaw Road, where COPLON rented a one-room efficiency apartment. On this occasion [REDACTED] was accompanied by his wife and [REDACTED] likewise worked in the same office with Subject. [REDACTED] advised that he never knew COPLON in New York although he is from there, and apparently they have no mutual friends in New York. When the particular division of the Department of Justice moved back into the Department of Justice Building, [REDACTED] occupied the same offices with COPLON. He stated that she seemed to be interested in the Soviet field and attempted at one time to learn the Russian language. He recalled hearing either from her or others that COPLON was studying the Russian language from phonograph records put out for that purpose. [REDACTED] however, never saw the records but definitely recalls conversations concerning them.

[REDACTED] maintained that he did not know any friends and associates of COPLON outside of the Department of Justice. He has been aware the last few months that HAROLD SHAPIRO was her particular boy friend. He surmised that SHAPIRO has known COPLON for approximately six months, and for the last three or four months have been seeing each other quite frequently. SHAPIRO, according to [REDACTED] entered the Department in 1948. [REDACTED] stated he has never met COPLON's family but, from conversations with her, he has been aware of the fact that her father is sick and COPLON has often made the statement that her mother worries about her being in Washington. However, COPLON did not support her family financially and, to [REDACTED] knowledge, received no financial support from the family. She did not live beyond her income and had no pressing financial bills. She was never known to have borrowed money from anyone within the Department.

Concerning COPLON's trip to Europe in 1948, [REDACTED] stated that, from conversations with COPLON, she expressed having a good time; that the trip took more time than was originally intended; that the trip was primarily a vacation and tourist trip; and, further, that COPLON had previously expressed a desire to make this European trip. [REDACTED] stated she visited France, Italy and

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Switzerland, going one way by plane and one way by boat. As to the cost and source of income for this trip, [ ] stated that the trip cost \$2,000 and was approximately eight weeks in length. He stated that COPLON spent a lot of money on gifts, buying a gift even for himself, and he recalled conversations with COPLON showing that she bought expensive gifts for her family. In fact, [ ] stated he inquired of her as to the cost of this trip, receiving a reply that she had the money for the trip and implied that it came from her accumulated savings. As to persons abroad, COPLON told him in a conversation that she had some friends in Paris and spent more time in Paris than any particular place on the trip. He advised that she knew the French language, at least has been seen reading French newspapers, and he understands that she knows a smattering of the Italian language. He has never heard her mention any relatives in Europe, especially relatives in the Iron Curtain countries. While he has never seen her camera, he knows that she has an expensive type camera. [ ] stated COPLON has often talked about her darkroom at the Tunlaw Road apartment. He has never seen any pictures she has taken and has never seen any pictures taken on the European trip.

[ ] was asked whether it was customary for personnel in the Foreign Agents Registration Act Section to take work home to be performed by the employees at night and returned to the office the next day. [ ] answered by stating that it all depended on the individual, as some employees stayed overtime to perform the work while others were known to have taken work home. He was asked whether it was customary to make handwritten notes or briefs of FBI reports or other material coming across the desks in this particular section and [ ] replied that "docket cards" were prepared on FBI reports and other material, and these docket cards were maintained as part of the regular constituted files of the Department. Getting down in particular to COPLON, [ ] stated he never observed her taking home any work and she never mentioned this phase of the work to him. He was asked whether she ever solicited his aid in furnishing her information or whether she expressed a desire to see any particular FBI report pertaining to Russia or the satellite countries. [ ] replied that no specific request came from her to him but that he did send her information consisting of newspaper clippings and other material which crossed his desk and which he thought would be of interest to her. She in turn sent him [ ] information in his particular field which, according to [ ] was Latin America.

[ ] advised that he does not know of any organizations she may be a member of. As far as hobbies, he has known her to be interested in photography and has done considerable reading in political science. She attended American University for a while, and [ ] remembers Subject reading

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the "Public Opinion Quarterly." She is interested in international relations but [ ] could not recall any discussion with her concerning the events of the day. He stated he is not in a position to state whether she did or did not follow the Communist Party line as she expressed no opinion pro or con regarding the Marshall Plan, the Loyalty Program, Universal Military Training, and other issues on which the Communist Party line is universally noted. He said that she did not avoid controversial subjects.

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[ ] further advised that on February 13, 1949, he invited COPLON to be the godmother for his own child in a confirmation or circumcision ceremony which, according to the Jewish faith, required at least three persons in addition to the father, one of whom had to be a woman. [ ] stated that his first desire was to secure Mr. and Mrs. NATHAN LENVIN to act in this capacity, but inasmuch as Mrs. LENVIN was preoccupied at home with two other children he, [ ] secured JUDITH COPLON to stand for his child.

Concerning the trips taken to New York by COPLON, [ ] stated that it was his observation that she made the trip to New York every two or three weeks, going by train occupying a coach seat. These trips, according to [ ] appeared to be regular and regularly spaced, approximately every two weeks. He supposed that the purpose in making the trips was to visit her sick father, at least Subject never indicated anything else.

[ ] was asked if he could suggest any motive for COPLON's engaging in transmitting confidential information to unauthorized persons, and he stated that this matter concerned him over the week end and he could suggest only a few things: (1). A stupid love affair. (2). The need or the urge for money. (3). Ideological - which motive he immediately dismissed as she has never shown any antagonism toward American foreign policy. Concerning the above motives, [ ] stated that he has no information concerning any love affair and, as far as he has ever observed, COPLON never needed any money and he did not notice any particular desire to accumulate or hoard money. She was not a weak character and [ ] stated that he would classify her as an average character. He stated she had a good moral reputation and was the type of person who could not be bribed or blackmailed. He recalls that she made the statement to him that a single girl had a hard time living alone in Washington and on one occasion told him that she did not want to make any official calls in connection with her work to the various embassies for fear of being involved or being misrepresented in the Loyalty Program. She received many calls on the telephone, including appointments for lunch and after hours. He described her as not being a cold person but as one having human emotions and other usual characteristics which would negate any cold-blooded attitude on her part. On the morning of March 7, [ ] stated

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when he came to work he had received information which he described as fifth-handed to the effect that, since her arrest, COPLON has exhibited a "laughing defiance" toward the FBI and any interrogator. Immediately upon hearing the information on the radio on Saturday, March 5, to the effect that she had been arrested, [ ] stated that he was immediately telephonically contacted by [ ] and HAROLD SHAPIRO, the latter appearing to him to be extremely sick over the affair and was especially sensitive lest he receive publicity by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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[ ] was asked whether the Subject ever had any pressing financial bills which may cause her to seek other income and sell information for money, and he stated that she did not. He recalled that she was hospitalized in Garfield Hospital and was treated for the usual female disorders but that this was prior to her trip to Europe. As for her intentions to continue with her professional career or marry and settle down, [ ] stated that COPLON has expressed to him a desire to practice law in New York State and, to this end, she registered at George Washington University. She dropped out, however, after it was discussed with her that, according to New York Bar requirements, it is necessary for any candidate to practice law in New York to spend so many hours a week in preparation or in a law school. In other words, she could not stretch out her legal education for eight years, as an example, and then take the New York Bar. She could not take the time taking a full evening course in George Washington University. [ ] was asked whether she at any time exhibited a desire to leave the Department of Justice and seek positions elsewhere or whether she tried to retain her position in the Department, especially in view of the fact that the Foreign Agents Registration Act Section has been materially reduced since the end of the war and [ ] stated that it is his recollection that she did apply to the Central Intelligence Agency and possibly to the State Department for positions, that he himself made numerous applications for positions with these agencies and others, including the United Nations.

Concerning his own background, [ ] stated that he resides [ ] in New York City; that his father, [ ] deceased, was born Vilna, Lithuania, 1888 and was naturalized a U. S. citizen in New York City approximately in 1923; and that his mother is [ ] living at [ ] and that she was born at Odessa, Russia. As far as his educational background, [ ] stated that he attended St. John's University, Brooklyn, receiving an LL.B. Degree in 1938, a B.S. Degree in 1939; and an S.J.D. Degree in 1941. His employment consisted of serving

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as Law Clerk in the law firm of Moses and Singer, Manhattan, 1938, a Lawyer with JACK LOUIS KRAUS, Attorney, then at 70 Pine Street, from 1941 to 1942. He came to Washington with the OPA in March, 1942, and served there until August, 1944, when he transferred to the Solicitor's Office of the Department of Agriculture, where he served from August, 1944, until July, 1945, when he entered on duty with the Department of Justice, where he has served ever since.

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INTERVIEW WITH MRS. ANNE P. COMANDURAS~~SECRET~~

The following interview was conducted by Special Agents CHARLES W. PEASINGER and ROBERT W. McCASLIN on March 6, 1949.

Mrs. ANNE P. COMANDURAS, 2521 South Adams Street, Arlington, Virginia, advised that she is employed in the Political Activities Branch of the Department of State, Room 412, Annex #1, 23rd and E Streets, n.w. She advised that her home telephone is Oxford 0725.

Mrs. COMANDURAS stated that she is employed in the section which is headed by Chief of Section Mr. CARROLL HAWKINS. She stated that [ ] who acted as Assistant to the Chief of Section, was also her superior in that he was Senior Analyst in their office, which is in the division of the Office of Intelligence Research. She mentioned that this division was international and functional intelligence, and its scope encompassed all world-wide intelligence.

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Mrs. COMANDURAS stated that Miss HELEN EVANS was employed in that office in the capacity of Secretary and that Miss JUDITH GRUNFELD, a Ph.D., was also employed in the office.

Mrs. COMANDURAS stated that she first became acquainted with Miss COPLON when she was instructed by her former superior and the former Chief of their section in the State Department, LOUIS NEMZER, to go to the Department of Justice and review files there which he had arranged to have made available for her. Mrs. COMANDURAS stated that upon going to the Department of Justice, she was greeted by the people in the Foreign Agents Registration Act Section, and as she recalls, it was [ ] who welcomed her and thereafter introduced her to Miss COPLON. She felt that this was in March or April 1948. She advised that she found Miss COPLON at that time to be unusually pleasant and extremely personable. She stated that she was amazed at the cooperative attitude evidenced by that section at the Department of Justice in which Miss COPLON worked. She recalled that she joined the members of the Foreign Agents Registration Act Section for lunch. She stated that nothing other than informal comment was carried on, as she recalls, and she is certain that no political discussions were entered into. Mrs. COMANDURAS said that she felt the unusual cooperative attitude on the part of all those in Justice with whom she had contact was the result of an expression of appreciation for her superior, Mr. NEMZER, who had requested her to go there. She added that Mr. NEMZER was formerly associated with the Foreign Agents Registration Act section in the Department of Justice prior to his employment with the Department of State. She advised that Mr. NEMZER

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had frequently, prior to her visit to the Justice Department, commented favorably on the ability of Miss COPLON and she recalls that he expressed himself favorably concerning [redacted]. Although she was unable to recall other persons of that section whom she might have met, she felt that she met a [redacted] and a Mr. FOLEY. She remarked that if she did not meet those two gentlemen, she does recall their names. b6 b7C

As a result of this first contact, Mrs. COMANDURAS stated that she felt it was proper for her to contact Miss COPLON over the telephone, and she recalls that she did contact Miss COPLON several times subsequent to her first meeting. She said she could not recall having met Miss COPLON in person only on one other occasion, and that was when the group at the State Department with whom Mr. NEMZER was working decided to have a farewell luncheon for him at the Chicken Hut on 11th Street, and in doing so, had invited his friends from the Department of Justice. She mentioned that Miss COPLON was present at this luncheon and that she recalls now that she exchanged pleasantries with Miss COPLON. She said that after the luncheon, as she recalls, Miss COPLON and [redacted] walked with her to Garfinckel's, where she had some purchases to make. She said she can recall that incident because she was planning her wedding at the time, and she recalls well that the wedding was about the same time that Mr. NEMZER left for Ohio State University. She said that this was in about September of 1948.

The third time that she stated she contacted Miss COPLON was at the request of Mr. BAXTER in the State Department. She advised that he asked her for information on the Greek-Turkey-Iran problem and that she felt Miss COPLON would be of assistance and telephonically requested information concerning this matter. She said that Miss COPLON later advised after searching her records that she had no information of value and accordingly, Mrs. COMANDURAS said that she had to resort to State Department records for the information requested by Mr. BAXTER.

Mrs. COMANDURAS mentioned that perhaps she might have picked up the phone from time to time when Miss COPLON would be calling for [redacted] and that if she did so, she would pass the time of day with Miss COPLON. Always, she said, Miss COPLON was friendly and very pleasant.

About the middle of December 1948, she said Miss COPLON called her and stated that she was sending for her attention several copies of "Russky Golos", the Russian language newspaper, and other material, which Mrs. COMANDURAS did not recall, which she, Miss COPLON, felt would be of interest to Mr. NEMZER when he arrived at the State Department during his Christmas vacation. Mrs. COMANDURAS stated that Mr. NEMZER, being a

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Consultant at the State Department, came there during his Christmas vacation to do special consultant work. Upon his arrival, she said, he reviewed the material that Miss COPLON had sent him at the State Department, and she, Mrs. COMANDURAS, stated she recalled that he was extremely pleased with Miss COPLON's thoughtfulness. She said that she recalled there was a "dividing up" of work in that section and that the work given Mr. NEMZER necessitated additional research and she recalls NEMZER at that time requested her to contact Miss COPLON in Justice to ascertain if she could supply the desired information. She said that the information, as she recalls, concerned the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. She said she recalled that Miss COPLON received this request and that she later called her and stated the desired information that she had developed for Mr. NEMZER. ;

Mrs. COMANDURAS stated that Miss COPLON never contacted her nor did she recall anyone ever mentioning that Miss COPLON asked for information from their section in the State Department. Furthermore, she said she had never been instructed by anyone at any time ever to do work that would be for or could be used in the section of Justice where Miss COPLON was employed.

Mrs. COMANDURAS stated that because of her position, she actually works for all the people in her section. She said that she frequently does special work for [ ] Miss GRUNFELD, and at times, does special work for the Chief, Mr. HAWKINS. She stated that Miss EVANS is the office stenographer for the above mentioned people. Never, she said, did she gather the impression from any of the work that she did for the above people that said work was in any way connected with an intelligence matter which in her mind could be used to the advantage of a foreign power. She mentioned in passing that the work performed by Miss GRUNFELD chiefly concerned activities of women's organizations throughout the world. She mentioned that Mr. HAWKINS had such a variety of work that frequently his duties were outside the section. Because of this, she said, [ ] seemed to have the greater portion of the work of the section. She said that he was charged with the World Federation of Trade Unions and international organizations of a general miscellaneous nature. She mentioned that [ ] reviewed the work that she had conservatively referred to as Junior Political Analyst. Mrs. COMANDURAS stated that she would not know the number of times that [ ] would contact Miss COPLON. She stated that due to the arrangement of the offices, it would be entirely possible for [ ] to use his phone unbeknownst to her on calls he would make. She stated that the physical setup of the offices was such that Mr. HAWKINS had a private room, that she and Miss EVANS, the secretary, had a second room, and that Miss GRUNFELD and [ ] occupied the third room. Although the telephone was on a switch extension, she said that [ ] could use an unoccupied line without indicating to her the nature of his call.

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She said that she gathered from remarks made by [ ] that he was particularly friendly with Miss COPLON and she recalls that he made engagements with Miss COPLON for luncheon and dinner. She said that this did not surprise her, however, because she recalls that Mr. NEMZER also seemed to be particularly friendly with Miss COPLON, and he, like [ ] indicated great admiration for Miss COPLON's ability.

Mrs. COMANDURAS stated that she began work at the State Department in February of 1948. She stated that at that time, she first met Mr. NEMZER. From then until his active severance with the section in September 1948, she stated that she grew to know him very well and developed an unusual respect for the man's integrity and his ability. She described him as an unusually courageous person. She said that he was "one who saw the problem white if it were white and black if it were black." In describing Mr. NEMZER, she said that it would be hard for her to believe that NEMZER would be duped by anyone, particularly a Communist. She stated that it was difficult for her to believe that NEMZER could knowingly associate with Miss COPLON if he knew that she was involved as it appears at the present time. Mrs. COMANDURAS mentioned that although she was not as well acquainted with [ ] that over this brief period she had gained respect for [ ] ability and his approach to his work. She stated that he was industrially honest, in her opinion. She said that she did not know the nature of the contacts had between Miss COPLON and [ ] but she could not believe that [ ] would assist anyone who was definitely un-American and sympathetic to a foreign country.

Mrs. COMANDURAS stated that from the discussions she had with Mr. NEMZER and [ ] she cannot recall any political issues being involved other than perhaps general comment regarding items of the day. She said that she never gained the impression from either of those two gentlemen that they were anything but solid American citizens and patriots.

Mrs. COMANDURAS said that she did recall that Mr. NEMZER once, while talking to Miss COPLON, indicated by subsequent conversations to her that Miss COPLON had made a trip to Europe. She said that she recalled later that she once answered the phone, that Miss COPLON was on the phone, and that she at that time asked Miss COPLON how she enjoyed her trip to Europe. She stated that Miss COPLON, like anyone else, waxed enthusiastic about the sights and her voyage home.

Mrs. COMANDURAS stated that she was definitely aghast at the reports in the paper concerning Miss COPLON. She added that at first she was wondering if Miss COPLON was being used by some intelligence agency in the United States to catch a spy. She said her first thought was perhaps she was being used by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Mrs. COMANDURAS stated that she read all the Sunday papers and that she concluded from all the press comment that Miss COPLON must have been doing something definitely wrong. She added, however, that in the light of the information in the papers concerning Miss COPLON, she still does not know nor can she recall anything that has happened as far as she knows, that would reflect in any way that Miss COPLON might be engaged in such activities. Mrs. COMANDURAS stated that the thought never occurred to her that Miss COPLON might be exceeding her authority when passing on information from the Department of Justice. She added that she was certain that she, Mrs. COMANDURAS, would not have gone to Miss COPLON for information had it not been for Mr. NEMZER and subsequent assurance from [redacted] that Miss COPLON was the best source in that section, the Foreign Agents Registration Act Section.

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Mrs. COMANDURAS, during the interview, evidenced a cooperative and truthful manifestation of her contacts with Miss COPLON. She willingly agreed to give this office a signed statement when time was available. She volunteered that she was anxious in view of her position to make available to this office any information that would indicate collaboration between Miss COPLON and members of her section.

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Mr. NATHAN B. LENVIN  
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Fairlington, Alexandria, Va.  
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On March 5, 1949, Mr. NATHAN B. LENVIN was interviewed by Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES in his office, Room 2220 U.S. Department of Justice Building.

Mr. LENVIN stated he is employed as attorney in the Department of Justice and is the only remaining attorney assigned to the Alien Registration Act matters. In addition to his employment with the Department of Justice, LENVIN is a law professor at Howard University, Washington, D.C.

Mr. LENVIN advised that Mr. WILLIAM FOLEY is the chief of the Foreign Agents Registration Act Section of the Department of Justice and also is chief of the Internal Security Section. This section occupies five or six rooms along the 2200 corridor. The Foreign Agents Registration Act Section today is comprised of only two individuals, Mr. LENVIN and JUDITH COPLON. All other individuals in the section, with the exception of a stenographer, Miss ETIA TAYLOR, work on internal security matters.

LENVIN advised that since July of 1945 he has been employed as an attorney in the Foreign Agents Registration Act Section and that originally there were eight or ten attorneys so employed and there were also ten to 15 individuals employed as political analysis experts. The personnel decreased over a period of years until there was only himself employed as an attorney and COPLON and [ ] employed as political analysts. About a year ago [ ] left the Department and obtained employment with the Department of State. Since that time COPLON and LENVIN have done all the Foreign Agents Registration Act work. Although one is an attorney and the other an analyst, they have divided the globe into two sections and each attends to one half the earth in so far as foreign agents' being properly registered is concerned.

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When the staff was larger, the attorneys worked in one room and the political analysts had their own room. After the resignation of [ ] COPLON had an office to herself, it being Room 2220. LENVIN occupied desk space in Room 2222 until approximately the middle of February, 1949, at which time he was moved into the same room with COPLON. LENVIN remarked that although he and COPLON get along they are not friendly and they have had a number of bitter quarrels. LENVIN resents COPLON's criticism of his dictation and COPLON has complained that LENVIN speaks loudly and otherwise gets on her nerves.

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In regard to the official duties of COPLON, LENVIN related that as an analyst she is expected to read newspapers and publications and clip items of interest. She also reviews original and supplemental Alien Registration Act statements for errors in form and content. Both LENVIN and COPLON utilize the services of Miss ETTA TAYLOR, a stenographer in Room 2216, who does all the Foreign Agents Registration Act work. There is a clerk who is the custodian of the Foreign Agents Registration Act files which are available to the public who was identified by Mr. LENVIN as Mrs. ULED J. ELDRED, Room 2216.

LENVIN expressed great surprise that COPLON had been arrested and said that he could hardly believe that she was guilty of the allegation. He said that recently one NORMAN BURSLE testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities concerning Communist matters. BURSLE was formerly employed by the Department and while in Washington dropped by to visit with old acquaintances. He came to see JUDITH COPLON who expressed great indignation after his departure that anyone having a red tinge should visit people holding responsible positions in the Department of Justice. It was LENVIN's impression that COPLON felt that BURSLE should have shown greater discretion than to cast reflections on other individuals through his associations.

Concerning friends of COPLON, LENVIN said that her only close girl associate is a [redacted] whom he had met at a house warming in the apartment of HAROLD SHAPIRO on R Street several weeks ago. In regard to men associates, LENVIN said that he was not aware of any particular man that COPLON has dated but he has observed that she appears to be a friend of HAROLD SHAPIRO, an attorney in the Justice Department. He commented to the best of his knowledge individuals in the Department arranged for COPLON and SHAPIRO to meet since they are both single. Their acquaintance began some four or five months ago and LENVIN did not know the degree of friendship between the two.

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Employed: Department of Justice

From 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. on March 5, 1949, [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agents HAROLD W. BRUEGGEMAN and RALPH F. WINTZ at the Washington Field Office.

[redacted] stated that he came to the Department of Justice as an attorney in the Foreign Agents Section, Criminal Division, on February 18, 1948. He stated when he came to the Department of Justice and was assigned to the Foreign Agents Section, JUDITH COPLON was employed in the section at that time. He said he occupied an office adjacent to hers. [redacted] stated

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due to the difference in personalities, he and JUDITH COPLON did not get along very friendly. He described her attitude in the office as being reserved and somewhat moody.

He stated on occasions due to the relationship of political analysis to attorney he and COPLON had to discuss the legal effect of laws and regulations on their work. During these discussions he never got the impression that she was pro-Communist or pro-Russian but did secure the impression that she could be classified as a liberal. He stated he attributed these ideas to her educational background, having attended Barnard College of Columbia University. From his contacts with her, he gained the impression that she was very industrious as he observed her constantly reading or typing. He noted during the course of their acquaintance that she was an excellent typist. He also observed that COPLON frequently spoke over the telephone to individuals, the identities of whom he had no way of knowing. He stated in the course of passing by her desk he observed her copying from files, abstracts and newspapers, but stated this was part of her duties and therefore he was not suspicious of her activities. [ ] stated he did not observe her typing any extra copies or did he know of her requesting any extra copies of typists or stenographers. [ ] stated that during the time of their acquaintance he did not observe her taking any material home or observe her bring any material back to the office. He stated he did not know of anyone in the section who took any material home. He stated he did not know of her giving any unauthorized information to anyone.

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[ ] stated that the security regulations of the office required that all material in the section be locked or placed in cabinet drawers before leaving the office. He stated he gained the distinct impression that JUDITH COPLON regarded the security regulations as "silly" but could furnish no specific statement made by COPLON which gave him that impression.

[ ] stated that he recalled at about the time SAM CARR was arrested JUDITH COPLON requested him to give her CARR's file after he finished with it. It was his impression that COPLON showed unusual interest in securing the SAM CARR file. He stated, however, that she could have gotten the file by her own authority.

It was [ ] observation that she always appeared to be flush with money and at times she had as high as three or four uncashed pay checks in her possession. He stated the only social contacts he had with COPLON were in groups such as office parties or parties at the homes of mutual office friends.

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INTERVIEW WITH  
MRS. IRENE MAY LONGLEY

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This interview was conducted by Special Agents JOE R. CRAIG and LEWIS E. GLENN.

Mrs. LONGLEY who resides at 902 Flower Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, is a docket clerk in the Fraud Section, Claims Division, United States Department of Justice. She has been associated with the Department of Justice since August 13, 1942, at which time she was employed at the Special War Policies Unit located in the Hutchins Building. She was subsequently employed in the Foreign Agents Registration Section where she remained until December 13, 1948, at which time she was transferred to her present position.

She became acquainted with JUDITH COPLON at the time the latter came to Washington to work in the Special War Policies unit as an Analyst. At that time Mr. JESSE MACKNIGHT was in charge of the analysts.

Mrs. LONGLEY advised that she had no direct contact with the subject at first because the subject was employed as an Analyst and Mrs. LONGLEY had charge of the Docket Room. At that time subject shared an office with ELIZABETH MILLER with whom she did not get along well personally.

During the early part of 1945, according to Mrs. LONGLEY, the Special War Policies Unit was dissolved and a limited number of Analyst were to be retained. At that time a question arose as to whether the subject who had received an efficiency rating of "good", or a young man, whose name Mrs. LONGLEY could not recall, who had received an efficiency rating of "very good" was to be retained as an Analyst. According to Mrs. LONGLEY, COPLON went to the Chief Administrator and had her efficiency rating raised and was thereafter retained in her position and the young man was discharged. Mrs. LONGLEY advised that COPLON was an Analyst in the French Field. Both Mrs. LONGLEY and COPLON were assigned to the Foreign Agents Registration Section up until Mrs. LONGLEY recently transferred.

It was Mrs. LONGLEY's opinion that COPLON was a very demanding and temperamental individual - one who demanded things which were almost impossible to fulfill. She classified COPLON as a very energetic person for whom no task was too big or too lowly. She described her as a very friendly girl who seemed to make friends with male associates much more quickly than with her female fellow employees. Mrs. LONGLEY expressed the opinion that COPLON, in order to gain her own ends, would not always tell the truth.

About the time that COPLON went abroad in the spring of 1948, Mr. FOLEY who was the head of the Foreign Agents Registration Section also took a

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trip to France. At that time a Mr. HOGAN who was a lawyer in the Criminal Division took over Mr. FOLEY's work while the latter was away. Prior to the time Mr. HOGAN relieved Mr. FOLEY, Mr. HOGAN's work consisted of checking reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation relative to Communist matters. According to Mrs. LONGLEY, he went through these reports and picked out the pertinent information in which the Department was interested. When Mr. HOGAN left this work to relieve Mr. FOLEY, COPLON who had returned from Europe was assigned to do the work formerly handled by Mr. HOGAN. Mrs. LONGLEY stated that COPLON had access to stacks of Federal Bureau of Investigation reports and she would frequently remain late at night and work on these reports. Mrs. LONGLEY recalled that on one occasion it had become necessary to conduct a very intensive search for a file dealing with the AMTORG Trading Corporation or TASS News Agency and this file was eventually found in a file drawer in COPLON's office. Mrs. LONGLEY advised that it was also COPLON's job to read articles from foreign newspapers, reports of other governmental agencies, including [ ] State Department and Army and Navy Intelligence reports.

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It was Mrs. LONGLEY's recollection that during the time COPLON was employed in the Hutchins Building one of her close friends was a woman named ROSE FOX. ROSE FOX was secretary to Mr. LAWRENCE KNAPP and subsequently left the Justice Department to go to the State Department with Mr. KNAPP. Mrs. LONGLEY stated that Mr. KNAPP subsequently left the State Department to become legal adviser for "New Republic" and ROSE FOX stayed at the State Department.

According to Mrs. LONGLEY, it was the general consensus that the sister of ROSE FOX was an active Communist. Mrs. LONGLEY could not recall the name of this sister and could recall no statements or activities on the part of this sister which led her to believe she was a Communist; however, Mrs. LONGLEY did vaguely recall reading in some publication an article which identified this sister as being engaged in some type of Communist activities.

Mrs. LONGLEY advised that COPLON always appeared to be extremely interested in the "Information Bulletin" published by the Soviet Embassy and the publication entitled, "Soviet Russia Today".

Mrs. LONGLEY recalled that during the latter part of 1947 or early 1948, she visited COPLON at Garfield Hospital. She related that COPLON was supposed to have been in the hospital as the result of an appendectomy; however, COPLON was emphatic in her desire that her parents not be informed of the fact that she had an operation.

Except as might be indicated above, Mrs. LONGLEY could recall no incidents, statements, or activities on the part of COPLON which would have led her to believe COPLON was engaged in espionage activities.

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Mrs. LONGLEY furnished the names of the following individuals as being associates of the subject:

Mrs. ULDA ~~X~~ELDRED, Public Relations Office, Foreign Agents Registration Section. According to Mrs. LONGLEY, Mrs. ELDRED has been a good friend of the subject. Mrs. LONGLEY related that subject and Mrs. ELDRED were both aggressive types of persons who were inclined to ignore the usual administrative procedures in any matter on which they desired to get quick action or attention; that she had no knowledge of outside social activities of COPLON and Mrs. ELDRED together, however, she noted that in group parties and picnics of the office staff that Mrs. ELDRED, COPLON and ROSE FOX were very friendly with each other and seemed to share conversation and activities away from the other members of the party.

Mrs. LONGLEY also informed that it had been her duty to make the contacts between the Foreign Agents Registration Section and the State Department; however, subject and Mrs. ELDRED usurped this authority of Mrs. LONGLEY and proceeded to make these contacts themselves.

According to Mrs. LONGLEY, Mrs. ELDRED exhibits about the same amount of interest in reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as did COPLON.

LOUIS NEMZER, formerly Russian Analyst and now associated with Ohio State University.

Mrs. IRMA ~~X~~CALNAN, formerly a translator and analyst with the Foreign Agents Registration Section and now employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

ELIZABETH ~~X~~THOMAS, formerly in charge of the Legal Docket Room, Foreign Agents Registration Section.

[redacted] who formerly shared an office with the subject. Mrs. LONGLEY advised that the subject and [redacted] frequently had lunch together; however, it was Mrs. LONGLEY's opinion that [redacted] was a friend of the COPLON family and that the subject was friendly with [redacted] wife and family.

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[redacted] Department of Justice employee.

NATHAN V ~~X~~LENNIN, a very close friend of subject. Mrs. LONGLEY advised that LENVIN and [redacted] frequently had lunch with the subject. She pointed out that LENVIN had been located in the next office to COPLON's at

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the Department of Justice for sometime in the past and had more recently shared COPLON's office with her. She stated that COPLON and LENVIN appeared to be on very friendly terms and that in fact COPLON had frequently conducted herself in LENVIN's presence in a manner which Mrs. LONGLEY considered immodest. She elaborated on this point that during her association with COPLON that she had overheard COPLON's conversations with male associates in the office, particular LENVIN, in crude and even vile language and on one or two occasions had felt obligated to request COPLON to refrain from such type of conversation. She stated that from appearances LENVIN while being quite friendly with COPLON seemingly had little respect for her as evidenced by the manner in which he treated her on occasions.

MARY HAWKINS, who was formerly subject's secretary and who is now in the secretarial pool of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

ETTA TAYLOR who is acting as subject's secretary at the present time.

DAVID BOOKSTAVEN, Professor, Washington College of Law. Mrs. LONGLEY believed that subject did some research work for BOOKSTAVEN in connection with a book he is writing.

[redacted] former secretary of subject who is presently located in Washington, D. C.

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Mr. NATHAN ELLIFF, former employee of the Justice Department who is now located in his father's law office in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. JESSE MACKNIGHT, State Department.

Mrs. LONGLEY pointed out that she had had no opportunity to become acquainted with outside social contacts of the subject. She advised that among the associates enumerated above that she had at no time had any reason to question the loyalty of any of these persons and that in fact she had had no cause to doubt or question the loyalty of the subject.

INTERVIEW WITH

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The above individual, interviewed by Special Agents JOE R. CRAIG and LEWIS E. GLENN, advised that she is presently employed as an attorney in the Civil Rights Section of the Criminal Division having entered on duty in this capacity May 17, 1948. She presently resides at [redacted]

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High School at Booklyn, New York, with JUDITH COPLON and while not knowing her particularly throughout the course of attendance at this high school that she had come to know her as a member of their graduating class of 1939. She stated that after 1939 she had no further contact or association with COPLON until coming to Washington to accept her present position.

She advised that after coming to work with the Department of Justice, she attended an office ceremony in connection with the appointment of ALEX CAMPBELL and that there she saw JUDITH COPLON who she recognized as a former school mate. [redacted] specified that at that time she shared an office with HAROLD SHAPIRO and that on the above meeting with JUDITH COPLON learned that SHAPIRO was acquainted with the subject. She advised that thereafter she saw JUDITH COPLON occasionally around the office building of the Department of Justice and subsequently through her became acquainted with NATHAN LENVIN, [redacted] and WILLIAM FOLEY, office associates of the subject. She recalled further that among other associates at the Justice Building of the subject were [redacted]. She stated that [redacted] had formerly shared an office with COPLON but had more recently become associated with the State Department.

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She advised further that on one or two occasions she had had lunch with COPLON, pointing out that the extent of their conversation was along lines of former mutual acquaintances through high school and sundry matters concerning New York City.

She advised that on February 12, 1949, she was invited to and attended a party at HAROLD SHAPIRO's, 1906 R Street, at which gathering the following were in attendance: - Subject, [redacted] NAT and JERRY LENVIN, PAULINE A. TSOTAKOS, roommate of [redacted] CHARLES MORGAN, employee of the Veterans Administration, and [redacted] whom she understood to be a neighbor and close friend of JUDITH COPLON at McLean Gardens. She advised that during the course of the party there was no conversation or no circumstances which caused her to question the loyalty of any of these persons including the subject and that throughout the extent of her acquaintance with COPLON and her re-association with her that she knew of no questionable activities in which the subject had engaged.

[redacted] pointed out that in talking with COPLON they had discussed former mutual acquaintances and that from such discussions she recalled having mentioned the following:

Mrs. MARJORIE NASH, 50 Manhattan Avenue, New York City, whom she believed had known COPLON in high school and had continued their friendship at Barnard College.

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[redacted] who attended high school with JUDITH COPLON. [redacted] advised that she has talked with [redacted] since publicity concerning the arrest of the subject was released and [redacted] told her she had always considered JUDITH COPLON to be "radical". [redacted]

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[redacted] that there was a red haired girl who had preceded COPLON in high school by approximately one and a half years who was also considered to be "radical" and [redacted] recalled that COPLON associated with this girl to a considerable extent. [redacted] stated that [redacted] furnished no specific statements or activities on the part of COPLON or the red haired girl which led her to believe they were "radical".

MORTON POMERANTZ also identified as a former classmate of COPLON and [redacted] and also believed by [redacted] to have continued his friendship with COPLON during her attendance at Barnard College. POMERANTZ later went to Columbia College and Law School and was thereafter stationed with the State Department at La Paz, Bolivia, but is presently unemployed. She stated that she understood that he was staying in and around Washington and could probably be located in care of GENE SMITH, 9328 Caroline Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, telephone number SH 5232.

[redacted] again pointed out that she had no cause to doubt the loyalty of any of the above associates but had identified them as people who could possibly furnish additional information relative to the subject.

[redacted] advised that although she did not consider the following a matter of consequence that she thought she should mention that in the recent past she had had occasion to be in COPLON's office at which time COPLON had brought her a copy of a Greek newspaper "BYMA" which COPLON had referred to as the "Greek Daily Worker". [redacted] related that COPLON had inquired of her as to whether she, [redacted] had ever read this paper. [redacted] replied that she had not whereupon COPLON stated it should be interesting to her inasmuch as she [redacted] was able to read Greek. In addition, COPLON suggested that she take a copy and read it if she wished. [redacted] stated that she took the copy of this paper and that thereafter COPLON sent her two or three other later editions of the same paper. She stated that she noted that the paper was published in New York but that she attached no unusual significance to this matter inasmuch as she understood that material of this type was regularly received in COPLON's office for official reasons.

[redacted] stated that she was unable to recall any other associates of COPLON's known to her; that, however, [redacted] had indicated to her that COPLON had met an American male tourist in Europe in whom COPLON had expressed considerable interest but she did not know the identity of this person.

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[ ] was questioned relative to her knowledge of COPLON's trip to Europe. She stated that she had at no time heard anything relative to this trip which would cause her to question COPLON's motives, that in fact it had been intimated to her that COPLON had made the trip primarily to rest after having been through a rather delicate operation in Washington. Along this line she volunteered the information that some acquaintance whom she believed to be the aforementioned [ ] had confided in her that COPLON's operation had entailed removal of female organs and that the person who had related this to her had indicated that COPLON was quite remorseful because of the fact that she, later in married life, would probably be unable to have any children.

[ ] stated that from observation of COPLON that the subject had impressed her as a quiet, respectable person, that, however, remarks made by office associates, probably [ ] LENVIN and others, had indicated that COPLON was a very moody, temperamental person who was given to moments of very ill temper. She stated further that in general conversation COPLON had at about the time of their first meeting in Washington indicated that she was highly dissatisfied with Washington and was thinking very seriously about returning to New York. She stated, however, more recently COPLON had given no indication of actually returning to New York and had in fact evidenced a desire to stay in Washington. She stated again that she did not consider the above of any significance related to the subject's recently publicized activities.

[ ] advised that she was born in [ ] New York, [ ] and that her parents are [ ] who presently reside at [ ] New York.

[ ] related that after graduation from high school that she attended Hunter College and later Columbia Law School where she received a degree in 1945. She advised that she was thereafter employed by CARILL, GORDON, ZACHRY and REINDEL as a law clerk at 63 Wall Street until October, 1947, and that for a short time thereafter she engaged in private practice utilizing office space furnished by the Clark Service Company located in the 500 block 5th Avenue, New York, New York.

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JESSE MACKENZIE MACKNIGHT

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On March 6, 1949 JESSE MACKENZIE MACKNIGHT was interviewed by Special Agents JACK TURTON and DONALD D. CONNORS at the Washington Field Office.

Mr. MACKNIGHT advised that he is currently employed as a Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the State Department. He stated he was born on August 19, 1910 at Brooklyn, New York. He stated his mother, ADA MARY HARRISON, was born in London, England, and his father was born in Athens, New York. Mr. MACKNIGHT stated he attended Pennsylvania State University from 1927 until 1931, at which time he received an A.B. Degree. He stated he attended Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts, from 1931 until 1934. In 1932 he received an M.A. Degree from Clark University. Mr. MACKNIGHT stated that he is married and has two children. He stated his wife's name is VIOLET.

After MACKNIGHT completed his postgraduate work at Clark, he began touring the country with the Friends Service of the Quakers and interested himself in pacifist movements generally. He spoke before various student groups in behalf of the Inter-Collegiate Council affiliated with the League of Nations. MACKNIGHT explained towards the last of this tour throughout the United States while in Washington he approached the National Council for Prevention of War and secured a position with them. He said he had become convinced that the only successful move for peace would necessarily have to be a unified intelligence action organization working for legislative reforms and interested in certain direct actions. He stated that he worked for the National Council from January, 1935, until sometime in the summer of 1939 and that he was in charge of field operations for them and did legislative work in that he wrote letters, did magazine articles and represented the National Council for Prevention of War in various meetings that this Council had with other similar groups.

MACKNIGHT said that there was no evidence of Communist activities in the National Council during the time that he worked for it. He emphasized that the Council did not follow the Communist Party line with regard to the German invasion of Russia, i. e., the National Council did not regard the European War as an imperial war prior to the German invasion of Russia and as a people's war after this invasion. He advised that he did not always agree with the National Council for the Prevention of War because he thought

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the Council too pessimistic in its approach to the European War and that he decided to sever his connection with this organization in 1939. He said his opinion of the Council was that their stand was pro-neutrality and anti-Communist.

In October, 1939, MACKNIGHT went to work for the Farm Security Administration, USDA, as an Assistant Research Analyst. He advised that this position was given to him by HAROLD LASSWELL and that it involved a study of subsistence of homestead operations in Tiger Valley, West Virginia. He busied himself with this project until the spring of 1940 at which time in Sandusky, Ohio, he undertook a public opinion survey of Erie County, Ohio, which survey was financed by Time, Life, Elmer Roper, Columbia University, and others. The final outcome of this survey, which was an analysis of the voting habits of Erie County, was a book entitled, "People's Choice," by GAUDIT and BARELSON.

In about October, 1940, MACKNIGHT returned to Farm Security and stayed there until December, 1940, completing the Tiger Valley Survey.

In December, 1940, MACKNIGHT worked for the Library of Congress. He explained that the Rockefeller Foundation through LASSWELL made a grant of money to the Library for a research problem. He advised that he was connected with the Library of Congress until July 15, 1941, during which time he was concerned with a study of wartime communications.

Following this employment, MACKNIGHT was an expert witness for the United States Justice Department in a case known as the BOOK-NIGA Case (U. S. vs. RAPHAEL RUSH). This was a case involving the registration of foreign agents and MACKNIGHT acted as an expert witness until the "first half of 1941." In June or July, 1941, MACKNIGHT returned to the Library but on July 16, 1941 was employed in the Special War Policies Unit in the United States Department of Justice as an Associate Research Analyst.

In the fall and winter of 1941, MACKNIGHT was made Assistant Director of Organizations of Propaganda and Propaganda Analysis in the Special War Policies Unit. In June, 1942, MACKNIGHT was made Director of this division.

MACKNIGHT first met Subject COPLON in "late '44" at which time she came to him and asked for a job in his unit. She explained that she had been in New York City with the Anti-Trust Division of the Justice Department and a reduction in force had put her out of work. At this time he

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interviewed COPLON and contacted ROBERT WOHLFORTH who had been COPLON's chief in New York City. MACKNIGHT was questioned specifically in this connection and indicated that he had spoken to WOHLFORTH face to face on one occasion when WOHLFORTH was in Washington and that he had also talked to WOHLFORTH on the telephone and further that letters had been exchanged with regard to COPLON's qualifications. He recalled that WOHLFORTH gave COPLON a good recommendation. MACKNIGHT was uncertain as to whether or not COPLON came to him only for employment and did not know whether or not COPLON had tried to obtain employment in any other section of the Justice Department. He did recall that there was no pressure brought to bear on him to give her a position and advised that no one had urged him to hire her. He advised that she came to work for him in January or February, 1945, and that he was her supervisor until he left the Department of Justice on December 29, 1945.

MACKNIGHT advised that he had a very slight social relationship with COPLON. He said that he would occasionally eat lunch with a group which included COPLON while both were employed at the Justice Department and that after he had transferred to the State Department he would on occasions return to the Justice Department on business and eat lunch with his friends in the Justice Department. He stated that COPLON might have been in the group on some of these occasions. He said that approximately once a month he would call COPLON on the phone or would call [ ] usually in connection with business. He advised COPLON had never been to his home and that he had never been to her apartment.

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He recalled that about three weeks ago he had routed a mimeographed letter, published in Hungary and received in this country, to COPLON.

He indicated that he considered COPLON to be an able employee, that she was in Grade P-2, and that he had given her an excellent efficiency rating. He said that COPLON was not as dependable as [ ] but that in comparison to other P-2's she should be classified as excellent.

MACKNIGHT said that COPLON had not introduced him to any of her friends outside of Justice and that, in his opinion, she did not have many friends.

He recalled that she had attended American University ostensibly to prepare for a Masters Degree but that he could not recall the exact dates of this attendance. He also recalled that COPLON had taken a course in photography in the Graduate School of the Department of Agriculture and was of the opinion that she took this course after he, MACKNIGHT, had transferred from the Justice Department to the State Department.

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MACKNIGHT was questioned as to how he would be familiar with COPLON's activities after his transfer from the Justice Department and replied that such activities were a matter of gossip and would come to his attention in his contacts with former Justice employee friends.

He recalled that he had not seen COPLON since she returned from Europe but added that he had talked to her on the telephone with regard to this trip. He said that she had told him that she went to Europe alone, flew, and that the purpose of the trip was simply pleasure. He said that she had saved her money for this trip and that she took about three months off. He added that she sent him a postal card showing the Eiffel Tower. He stated that he had never discussed the Hiss Case with COPLON or the Bentley disclosures and he had regarded her as completely loyal to the United States and as anti-Communist.

He said the nature of their work required that they discuss the Communist Party and that the Party was sometimes the topic of conversation at lunch. He added that he saw nothing unusual in this and that he had never had any reason to believe that COPLON was a member or loyal to the Communist Party.

MACKNIGHT said COPLON worked long hours during the war and indicated that both had worked on the registration problem of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans.

MACKNIGHT stated that COPLON went to New York occasionally but advised that he thought that she was going to see her mother, whom he understood to be sick.

MACKNIGHT advised that at about 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning he had received a phone call from [ ] who advised him that COPLON had been arrested and told him to listen to the radio. MACKNIGHT said that he had intended to go to the office and that, while there, had read the story on the State Department ticker tape. He said also that he had called [ ] later and had given [ ] the facts as they appeared on the news ticker.

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MACKNIGHT further advised that, upon his return home about 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon on March 5, his wife had told him that LEWIS NEMZER had called him long distance from Columbus, Ohio. MACKNIGHT stated NEMZER had been COPLON's supervisor in the Justice Department after MACKNIGHT went to the State Department. MACKNIGHT stated NEMZER had asked him what he thought

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they could do to help COPLON in her present predicament and MACKNIGHT said he told NEMZER to sit tight and to keep his nose out of it inasmuch as neither of them knew the actual facts of the case. MACKNIGHT stated NEMZER is presently a Professor at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, and that he had left the Department of Justice in 1947.

MACKNIGHT advised that he was completely shocked by COPLON's arrest and said that he was even more shocked than he had been while reading the report of the Royal Commission on IGOR GOUZENKO in Canada.

MACKNIGHT recalled that some time ago he had been questioned by an agent of the Bureau with regard to COPLON's loyalty and at that time he had advised the agent that he considered COPLON to be a loyal citizen of the United States. He advised that he had made this recommendation in entire good faith and that, if he had been asked the same questions on Friday before COPLON's arrest, he would probably have answered in the same way.

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ginia, telephone [redacted] was interviewed March 5, 1949, by Agents  
HOLLIS W. BOWERS and ROBERT W. McCASLIN.

[redacted] stated that he was born [redacted]  
Connecticut; that he was the son of [redacted]  
[redacted] Connecticut. [redacted] stated that he had one  
sister, [redacted]  
[redacted] New York.

[redacted] stated that he attended grammar school and two years  
of high school in New Haven, Connecticut, and that he completed his last  
two years of high school at Springfield Classical High School in Spring-  
field, Massachusetts; that he graduated in 1935 from that school. He  
said that he completed one year in Springfield Junior College, Spring-  
field, Massachusetts and the remaining three years of his college work  
at Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts; that he received a B.A.  
Degree in 1939. He advised that he received his M. A. Degree from Yale  
University in 1944 and he added that he took night graduate courses at  
American University and George Washington University in Washington, D.C.  
He stated this work was planned in connection with obtaining his doctor-  
ate degree but that he dropped his attendance at American University in  
1946 and stopped attendance at George Washington University in the  
spring semester of 1948.

[redacted] stated that his family resided during his college  
days at Springfield, Massachusetts, and Hartford, Connecticut. He noted  
that his family moved to the Irving Street address in 1940.

[redacted] informed that he worked for his father at the Edward  
Morris Suit Company, Hartford, Connecticut, during his college days,  
summer vacations. In addition, he advised that he had employment with  
the Good Humor Company of Connecticut; Stern and Company, 210 Chapel  
Street, Hartford, Connecticut; the Colt Patent Firearms Company; Pratt-  
Whitney, East Hartford, Connecticut; the Hartford Ordnance; and Heinz  
and Company. He said that he possibly had other jobs but he cannot  
recall them at this time. He said that a correct list of his employ-  
ment would be reflected on his loyalty form which he stated was exe-  
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[ ] mentioned that he married [ ] at Hartford, Connecticut. He stated that he and his wife have resided at [ ] Arlington, Virginia, since October 1945. [ ] mentioned that his wife was employed at the Oak Street School, Falls Church, Virginia, since September, 1947. Previous to that employment, [ ] noted that his wife worked for Prentiss-Hall for approximately one year from 1945 to 1946. Thereafter, she was employed in the Day Care Center in the District of Columbia from 1946 to 1947.

[ ] advised that he entered on duty with the Department of Justice in February 1945. He said he was assigned to the War Division. This division, he mentioned, was later abolished and thereafter he went with the Criminal Division of the Department under the Chief of the Division, Mr. LAWRENCE KNAPP. He mentioned that he worked during his stay with Justice under the following Chiefs of the Division:

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WILLIAM E. FOLEY, the present Division Chief.

[ ] stated that he left Justice in October 1948, and transferred to the Department of State. He said that he is presently employed at the Office of Intelligence and Research, Division of International and Functional Intelligence. In the State Department he said this is known as World Wide Intelligence. [ ] said that his supervisor at State Department was Mr. CARROLL HAWKINS.

[ ] advised that he became acquainted with JUDITH COPLON in February or March 1945. He stated that he gained her acquaintance through his work in the Department of Justice. He said that she at the time was a political analyst and that it was his impression that she was transferred to the Department of Justice from New York City where she was employed in the Economic Welfare Branch of the Justice Department.

[ ] stated that he became acquainted with her both professionally and socially. He said that he admired her for her ability and that he had never gained any impression from his contacts with her that she might ever be engaged in any activities such as have been indicated by the press on this date. He stated that he shared the same room, Room 2220, in the Justice Department with Miss COPLON for several months. He felt that it could have been from approximately

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February to the time of his transfer to State Department which was October 1948. He stated that he felt his contacts with Miss COPLON were daily and mentioned that frequently they had evening dinners together or lunches during the working day.

[ ] stated that during the loyalty program he knew that she was working on the most confidential work of their section. He said he felt she was given this type work because her superiors, namely, Mr. WHEARTY and Mr. FOLEY, were aware of her qualifications and ability.

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[ ] stated that he was "shocked" when he was informed by Mr. RONALD MacDONALD on the morning of March 5, 1949, that Miss COPLON had been arrested by the FBI.

[ ] related the nature of his conversation with MacDONALD. He said that MacDONALD called him just as the broadcast was being made of the morning news over the radio. He said MacDONALD stated, [ ] something terrible has happened." [ ] said that he replied, "What, has STALIN died?" and he said that MacDONALD answered, "No, something worse than that. 'JUDITH' has been arrested." [ ] said that he could not believe this information and he asked MacDONALD where he had heard it. He said that MacDONALD then told him to turn on the radio and hear it for himself. [ ] said that thereafter he called [ ] Mr. SHAPIRO and [ ] and asked them if they had heard the reason for her, Miss COPLON's, arrest. [ ] said that [ ] replied as follows, "What a dope for going out with a Russian." [ ] said that the other parties mentioned above expressed disbelief in the fact that Miss COPLON could be guilty of violating the confidence of her position. He said it was hard for those who knew her to believe that she could be involved in any way in giving information to a foreign government.

[ ] said that his suspicions were never aroused in any way by the contacts that she made in connection with her work. He stated that he recalled that she called many people in connection with the research she was doing. He said he felt this was normal in view of the type work Miss COPLON was handling in the Department of Justice. He said that since he has been at State she has called him and has sought his interpretation on various points of information which are incorporated in the files of the Department of Justice. He stated that this practice was customary and he recalled that he sought the advice of his predecessor in the work that he assumed when at the Department of Justice. He said that Miss COPLON apparently was following this practice too.

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[ ] said that while at the Department of Justice, he was particularly interested in the Rumanian problem; that it was his duty to check up on members of the Rumanian nationals in this country who were not registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. He mentioned that his work was taken over by Miss COPLON after he left the Department of Justice. He said too that her inquiries of him at the State Department chiefly were concerned with inquiries about Rumania and the problems in that country. [ ] said that in this connection he had contacted Mr. HORACE NICKELS, of the Rumanian Desk in the Department of State. He said that he had advised Mr. NICKELS that Miss COPLON was handling this work now in the Department of Justice.

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[ ] said that he recalled having directed two or three items that came across his desk to Miss ANNIS, of the State Department, with the request that she, through proper channels, forward this information to the Department of Justice. He said that he never knew whether or not Miss COPLON received this information. [ ] said that this information was related to violations of the Registration Act and that for this reason he requested that it be brought to the attention of the Justice Department.

[ ] was asked if he could recall specifically the times Miss COPLON had contacted him and he related that he could not. He said that they were frequent; that many times they were concerned chiefly with appointments for luncheons or dinners. He said he did recall that Miss COPLON once called him and asked him about the Rumanian organization in New York. He was asked how he answered Miss COPLON on this occasion and he stated that she was concerned with his interpretation of the information which she had in the Department of Justice files; that he advised her as to the interpretation he would give the information and he added that he did not give her any information from the State Department files in connection with this inquiry.

[ ] said that Miss COPLON was interested in General NICOLAI RADESCU of the Rumanian organization in New York, and that this interest on her part concerning this man was because he was the leader of the Rumanian group. He said that Miss COPLON was interested in getting information about RADESCU and checking up on him in connection with the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

In this connection, it might be noted that [ ] was questioned further relative to the Rumanian situation. He said that while he was with the Department of Justice that he recalled that he was very much interested in Mr. CRETZIANU's case and particularly in the source of the gold fund that CRETZIANU was alleged to have control of. [ ] said that he did not know whether or not Miss COPLON had any particular interest in this matter. [ ] was

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careful in explaining his views in connection with the registration of the various nations who were representing the resistance movement of the various Balkan countries. He said that the only purpose that the Registration Section of the Department of Justice had in this matter was to have on public record all information relative to the agents of the foreign principals of these countries.

[ ] mentioned that the very nature of the act itself made it most difficult for the Department to enforce registration under the Act. In view of this he admitted that it would be most difficult to have any Communist dominated group register in this regard. [ ] said that COPLON's work in the Department in connection with this registration matter entailed considerable work and necessitated her doing periodical research in connection with those who were to be registered under the Act. He said that the files on these parties who were to be registered had to be kept in a current status. He mentioned that periodically supplemental information, every six months, was necessary under the regulations of the Act.

[ ] was asked if he had ever gained the impression from Miss COPLON that she was concerned about the security of her job. He stated that he did gain this impression and added that she told him that she felt that her job was insecure and in this connection he said she mentioned that a Mr. LENVIN had been moved into her room and that this move on the part of the Division seemed to cause her, Miss COPLON, considerable annoyance. [ ] said that he felt that she resented Mr. LENVIN's being moved into her room because it was generally reported around the section that LENVIN was a noisy sort of person. [ ] said that she also told him that Mr. FOLEY had intimated to her in a conversation that her job was very insecure because she did not have permanent Civil Service tenure and that she gained from his, Mr. FOLEY's, remarks that it would be wise for her to look for another job. [ ] said that he believes that she told him this information approximately three weeks ago. He said that it was about the same time that Mr. LENVIN was moved into Miss COPLON's room.

[ ] indicated that he was not familiar with any organizations or groups that Miss COPLON was a member of. He stated that he believed that she was a member of the Barnard Alumni and he said he recalled she joined some dance group in Washington. [ ] said he knew she kept company with Mr. SHAPIRO but that he knew of no other friends that she was particularly friendly with. He mentioned that he and his wife, [ ] frequently visited Miss COPLON. He mentioned that they had had dinner parties at one another apartments from time to time. He said that his wife knew Miss COPLON rather well but that he felt she would be unable to give any substantial additional information in connection with Miss COPLON.

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[ ] in mentioning Miss COPLON's qualifications stated that he knew she spoke the French language; that she understood Spanish a little and it was his understanding that she had studied Russian while here in Washington. He said perhaps she was familiar with a few phrases in Yiddish, but he believed she was unable to speak in this language.

[ ] mentioned that Miss COPLON flew to Europe early last summer, 1948, and he recalls her mentioning that she toured France and Italy. He stated that he knows of no one's accompanying her on this trip but that he did hear Miss COPLON's mentioning that she met an Englishman while on the continent. He said he recalled she had pictures taken with this individual while in Italy. He said he did not recall the name of the party, however. In addition to this one person, MORRIS said he had never heard Miss COPLON mention any one else whom she met in Europe. He said after he read the morning papers, that he was wondering if perchance she met the Russian GUBITCHEV while on this trip. He added this was speculation on his part. He said, "Frankly, I have been trying to determine how she ever got involved with the Russian."

[ ] said that he recalled that Miss COPLON indicated a strong feeling for her family; that she was on particularly good relations with them and he felt this might be due to the illness of her father and the feeling she had for her mother in this regard. [ ] said that he had met Miss COPLON's brother, BERT COPLON, and added that he had called BERT after learning of the arrest of Miss COPLON with the desire of obtaining from BERT the true facts of the story. He said that BERT was rather incoherent in his conversation and concluded immediately the telephone call by saying that he could not give any story because of his father. [ ] said that BERT indicated the COPLON family was very upset over Miss COPLON's arrest.

[ ] said that he knew that Miss COPLON had made frequent trips to New York. He added that he felt that these trips were because of her family. He said he had accompanied her on one occasion but that he did not stop in New York, rather, he continued on to his home in Connecticut. He mentioned that he knew of no one's ever having accompanied Miss COPLON to New York and he did not know of any of her contacts in New York other than those with her family. He said she never told him about meeting any one in New York or any other place that would in any way indicate that she might be engaged in any activities such as the press indicates in the story about her arrest.

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[ ] related that it was difficult for him to believe that Miss COPLON was involved as was indicated by the papers. He stated that she always gave him the impression that she was very pro-American and Anti-Soviet. He recalled it was her duty in the Department to prepare memoranda on various front organizations. He said that he knew that the memoranda she prepared were reviewed and that the information contained in them was the determining factor when these various front organizations were placed on the subversive list of the Attorney General. He said, "This would not indicate a pro-Soviet attitude on the part of Miss COPLON in my opinion." He said that because of this work and the confidential nature of it, he was certain that Miss COPLON had the confidence of her superiors, Mr. WHEARTY and Mr. FOLEY.

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[ ] said that the Foreign Agents Registration Section in the Department of Justice was run in a most unbiased and objective manner. He said that there were not any feelings expressed one way or another. He stated that all members of the section were interested in obtaining information about the people who had not registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

[ ] stated that Miss COPLON's most important assignment in that section perhaps dealt with the matter of the Soviet Union. He stated that in this connection, she got the reputation of being known as a "file puller". He stated that she always-in working on matters concerning the Soviet Union kept a large number of files about her desk. He said this in itself was not significant since other members of the section were known to have done similarly.

The most significant remark made by [ ] during the interview was his inquiry concerning information this office had relative to Miss COPLON's activities. He asked if this office was aware of any information other than what was reflected in the newspapers which would conclusively indicate that Miss COPLON was guilty of passing on information to a foreign government. At this time, [ ] also stated that he would be very much interested in talking to Miss COPLON and he asked if it would be possible for him to do so. [ ] stated at that time, "I've been pretty G. D. concerned about what is reported in the papers. Honest, fellows, (speaking to the interviewing agents) I am not morbid but I've been trying to determine and there is nothing that I know that would indicate such a thing." He stated that he wanted to leave the impression in this interview that he never knowingly had given Miss COPLON any information, then he corrected himself, "Never did I transmit to her nor do I know of any one's having transmitted to her any information that she might have given to a foreign government."

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At the conclusion of these remarks on the part of [ ] he was asked if he would give a signed statement. He expressed willingness in this line and did execute a signed statement which consisted of approximately two and a half pages in longhand and after he had signed the statement he then added that he would like the following paragraph placed as an addendum to his signed statement. It follows:

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"I have never furnished Miss COPLON with any information, nor do I know of any one who furnished her with information to be used in the interests of a foreign power. If any pertinent information occurs to me hereafter, I shall make it available to the Bureau."

The signed statement given by [ ] is set out as follows:

Washington, D. C.,  
March 5, 1949

"I, [ ] agreed to give this statement to Special Agents HOLLIS W. POWERS and ROBERT W. McCASLIN who have identified themselves to me as being with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement willingly after being advised that I do not have to make a statement. No promises have been made to me. I have been told that I may have counsel and that what I have said here may be used in a court of law.

"I was born [ ] Conn. I was educated in the public schools of Conn. and Mass. I graduated from Clark Univ. with a B. A. Degree in 1939. I was employed in several different jobs in Conn. before coming to Washington, D. C. where I was employed by the Dept. of Justice in Feb. 1945. I first began work with Justice in the War Division. I met JUDITH COPLON while in that Division. I worked in the same section with her up to the time of my transfer to State Dept. in October 1948. I shared room #2220 with Miss COPLON for several months in the Dept. of Justice. I never knew, heard or had cause to believe that she was involved in any activities such as have been exposed in the press.

"I knew that she was working in the Dept. of Justice on some of the most important work of our section. I assume she had the confidence of her superiors, Mr. WHEARTY, and

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later Mr. FOLEY, when this important work was given her. I know she prepared some memoranda on various front organizations that were used when these organizations were examined and placed on the Attorney General's list. Her every action never lead me to believe she would be engaged in any activity that would be to the aid of any foreign government or to the detriment of the U. S. government.

"Her contacts as far as I know were only in connection with her work at the Dept. of Justice. She contacted me several times since I've been at State Dept. in connection with the Rumanian Problems and some minor matters. I used to handle the Rumanian work at the Dept. of Justice.

"I never gave Miss COPLON any information which she was not entitled to have. She never asked me for any information which would cause me to believe now that she was getting such information for any reason other than for her position with the Dept. of Justice.

"The information which I orally furnished Miss COPLON was my personal recollection and interpretation of information in Dept. of Justice files. I never gave her any information from the files of the State Dept.

"This statement of approximately (2½) two and one-half handwritten pages is the true facts as I recall.

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"Addendum: I have never furnished Miss COPLON with any information nor do I know of anyone who has furnished her with information to be used in the interests of a Foreign Power. If any pertinent information occurs to me hereafter I shall make it available to the Bureau."

WITNESSES:

ROBERT W. McCASLIN, Sp. Agt., F. B. I.  
HOLLIS W. DOWERS, Special Agent, F. B. I."

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It might be interesting to note that the "Sunday Star", of Washington dated March 6, 1949, mentions on Page 4 of Section A, in an article entitled "Women held as spy is enigma to neighbors here", that [redacted] Arlington, Virginia, was reported by the press as being shocked when told that the FBI had caught Miss COPLON in a secret New York rendezvous with the Russian VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV.

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[redacted] advised during the interview that he had been contacted by the press and that the press got his name from the application blank at McLean Gardens which Miss COPLON had signed.

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Attorney Advisor,  
Office of General Counsel, ECA  
Residence: 3863 Rodman Street, NW

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents JACK S. TURTON and DONALD D. CONNORS, JR., on March 7, 1949.

On that date MILTON QUINT, 3863 Rodman Street, NW, was interviewed at the Washington Field Office. QUINT is currently employed as an attorney advisor, Office of General Counsel, Economic Cooperation Administration, and he has held that position since November 22, 1948. QUINT was born April 9, 1908 at Boston, Massachusetts. Both his mother and father, who are now deceased, were born in Russia. His wife, ESTHER, was born in Malden, Massachusetts. QUINT attended Boston University from September 1925 until June 1927 and from September 1927 until June 1930 attended Boston University Law School where he received his LL.B. degree. He was employed by the OPA from December 1942 until June 1947 and from October 1947 until November 1948 was employed in Washington, D.C., by the law firm of Buckley and Danzansky.

QUINT advised he had met JUDITH COPLON on two occasions only. The first of these occasions was on a Sunday afternoon about "four weeks ago" when HAROLD SHAPIRO, who is a close friend of QUINT, brought COPLON to QUINT's home. QUINT explained that he had agreed to let SHAPIRO have some old dishes which he, QUINT, had at his house and which SHAPIRO would need in his new apartment. QUINT explained that he could not place the date of this meeting any closer than as set out above. He recalled that COPLON had spent perhaps three-quarters of an hour at his house and could not recall the nature of the conversation. QUINT said that the only other time he had seen COPLON was when the two met accidentally at the streetcar stop on Wisconsin Avenue near McLean Gardens and at that time he had had a few moments conversation with her.

QUINT stated he did not know the degree of the relationship between SHAPIRO and COPLON except that he knew SHAPIRO had "taken her out a few times." He further stated that HAROLD SHAPIRO had never discussed COPLON with him and he did not know how COPLON and SHAPIRO had met. QUINT advised that COPLON had never presumed on their acquaintance and had never asked him to place any person in the ECA. He recalled that recently SHAPIRO asked him about the possibility of a friend of SHAPIRO's being employed in the legal department of ECA. QUINT had made inquiry for SHAPIRO in this regard but could not recall the name of the individual whom SHAPIRO wished placed. QUINT said he would attempt to ascertain this person's name as he thought he had written it down in some papers.

QUINT advised he did not know when COPLON took trips to New York and that he was completely shocked to learn of her arrest.

Later this date QUINT telephonically advised the above-mentioned friend of SHAPIRO was MORTON POMERANTZ, formerly with the State Department in some South American country.

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Washington, D. C.  
Employed at the Department of Labor

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[redacted] was interviewed by SAS CARL W. BUCKHOLZ and LYNN W. BEDFORD on March 5, 1949, at the Washington Field Office. During the interview, [redacted] executed the following signed statement:

"March 5, 1949  
Washington, D. C.

"I, [redacted] do make these statements to CARL W. BUCKHOLZ and LYNN W. BEDFORD, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on my own free will. No threats or promises have been made to me. I have been advised that I do not have to make any statements, and I wish to make the following voluntary statement.

"I reside at [redacted] Washington, D. C.

"I just became acquainted with JUDITH COPLON in 1940 at Barnard College in New York City and had a speaking acquaintance with her as a student until our graduation in the spring of 1943. I then came to Washington, D. C., to work for the Government. I next met Miss JUDITH COPLON in the summer of 1945 in Washington, D. C. We met again occasionally in Washington, D. C. since 1945 and then became close friends about one and one-half years ago.

"During my close acquaintance with Miss COPLON for the past one and one-half years ago, she has made occasional week-end and holiday trips to New York. Miss JUDITH COPLON advised me that her trips to New York City were to visit her family and to look for a job. I have never taken any trips with her to New York City or elsewhere. She has never told me of any contact or acquaintance with any other persons. I know of nobody and have never heard of anybody whom COPLON has given confidential Government material to. During my friendship with Miss COPLON she has never said or done anything which would indicate she was taking or giving away confidential Government material. She has never mentioned any acquaintances with any Russian employees or individuals. She has never mentioned VALENTINE A. GUBILCHEV to me. Miss COPLON has mentioned to me that she has handled and written confidential information at work, but never disclosed any such information to me. I have

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never seen any of her office or Government work at her residence. I usually visit Miss COPLON about two or three times a week at her residence but have not been to her room for the past two weeks due to my health. Miss COPLON likewise has not been to my residence during the past two weeks.

"The political beliefs that she expressed to me were of a completely loyal nature. She has never expressed any sympathic views towards the Russian Government or Communist Movement.

"We have discussed on occasions the fact that she has been working on a Master's thesis.

"I know of no close acquaintances of Miss COPLON in Washington, D. C., except HAROLD SHAPIRO. I also know that she saw [redacted] on occasions. She belongs to no clubs or organizations to my knowledge.

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"During the past one and one-half years her standard of living and her attitude towards money indicated that she was not spending beyond her salary nor experiencing any difficulty in living on her salary.

"From my close association with her and my knowledge of her principles, ideas and attitudes, I can say that she is a person of great sincerity and integrity, completely ethical and honest.

"I have read the above three pages and the entire statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

"I sign this statement and initial each page voluntary.

/s/ "I, [redacted] have read the above and it is true.

"WITNESSES:

LYNN W. BEDFORD, Special Agent, FBI  
CARL W. BUCKHOLZ, Special Agent, FBI  
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The following interview was conducted by Special Agents CHARLES W. PEASINGER and ROBERT L. SMELTZER, on March 7, 1949.

[redacted] stated that she and her husband have been acquainted with HAROLD SHAPIRO for some years and that the latter had attended college with [redacted] SHAPIRO was invited by the [redacted] to attend an informal house party in their home on New Year's eve, last, and SHAPIRO attended with JUDITH COPLON as his date, this being the first time the [redacted] had seen her. According to [redacted] her only conversation with COPLON consisted of innocuous pleasantries and that consequently she had absolutely no reason or opportunity to consider COPLON as being a potential espionage agent or communistically inclined. [redacted] stated that other than SHAPIRO and Mr. and Mrs. A. HARRY BECKER and HARRY's sister, SARAH BECKER, she and COPLON had no mutual acquaintances.

HAROLD PAUL SHAPIRO  
Attorney, Department of Justice

The following interview was conducted by Special Agents H. DUDLEY PAYNE, DIOMICHAEL SMASAL and ROBERT L. SMELTZER.

On March 5, 1949, HAROLD PAUL SHAPIRO was interviewed at the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and offered the following information.

He first met JUDITH COPLON in July or August 1948 at which time he entered the office in the Justice Building of [redacted] He was introduced to COPLON who was also in the office at that time. He next saw her in the summer of 1948 either at a party given for ALEX CAMPBELL and VINCENT QUINN or had lunch with her in the company of [redacted] SHAPIRO could not recall which of these occasions first occurred. He saw COPLON periodically thereafter but was not well acquainted with her until just before Christmas, 1948, at which time they started keeping company. Since that time they have been seeing each other with great frequency. SHAPIRO stated he felt that he was extremely well acquainted with COPLON and admitted that he had maintained [redacted] friendship with her and upon occasion they had gone on short trips together to Baltimore and Philadelphia.

SHAPIRO advised he was acquainted with the fact that COPLON had, in the past made trips to New York City ostensibly to visit her parents and that he was certain she had gone to New York on January 14 and 19, February 18, and March 4, 1949. As he recalled, he had received the impression from COPLON that the purpose of these visits were either to see her parents or to go out on dates or social engagements in that city. He further stated that upon occasion COPLON had stated she would be pleased if he accompanied her to New York but he definitely recalls she did not extend such an invitation for March 4, 1949.

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At no time had it ever come to his attention or had he ever received the slightest indication that COPLON was engaged in any questionable or espionage activities nor had she appeared to be imbued with any Communist leanings of any type. So far as he had been able to ascertain COPLON had been very pleased with her position in the Department of Justice and seemed extremely interested in her work. Approximately two weeks ago, however, she complained to him that her work had been changed somewhat and that she did not find it quite so pleasant because she was "doing the same sort of thing all the time."

In conclusion SHAPIRO advised that he had been shocked by the revelation of COPLON as being engaged in espionage activities and stated he could conceive of no possible reason for her to have become engaged in such activity other than the fact that she might have become confused in some way. As SHAPIRO stated, although COPLON was an extremely intelligent girl and well educated, she did not appear to be sophisticated or worldly and in many respects seemed to be naive.

A signed statement embodying information elicited during the interview with SHAPIRO will be set forth immediately hereafter.

"March 5, 1949  
Room 1513  
Department of Justice Building  
Washington, D. C.

"I, HAROLD PAUL SHAPIRO, make the following voluntary statement to H. DUDLEY PAYNE, O. MICHAEL SMASAL and ROBERT L. SMELTZER, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I am not required to make such a statement.

"My present capacity is an attorney in the Economic Controls Unit of the Administrative Regulations Section, Criminal Division, of the Department of Justice. I have been employed by the Department of Justice in Washington since March 29, 1948.

"I first met JUDITH COPLON sometime in August, 1948, to the best of my recollection, at which time she was in the office of [redacted] and HENRY PUTZEL. I had occasion in the course of my official duties to be in this office at the time and was introduced to Miss COPLON by one of the above gentlemen. The next time that I saw Miss COPLON was later in the summer either at a party given for Mr. ALEX CAMPBELL and Mr. VINCENT QUINN or at lunch with [redacted] JUDITH and I started keeping company socially a short time before Christmas, 1948, and have continued a very close friendship and at no time did JUDITH ever give me reason to believe that she was engaged in any questionable or subversive activities.

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To the best of my recollection, I cannot recall that JUDITH ever took home any official documents or other papers which had come into her possession in connection with her official duties at the Department of Justice. I am aware of the fact that during the course of our acquaintance JUDITH has made several trips to New York and I can recall that she made such a trip on January 14, January 19, February 18 and March 4. The trip on January 19 above referred to was made primarily at my behest due to the fact that I had obtained theatre tickets for a play in New York and had requested that she accompany me to that city. Consequently, we traveled by train to New York on this date and after attending the theatre I took JUDITH to her home in Brooklyn and thereafter returned to my hotel in New York City and did not see her until the ensuing Sunday, January 23, at which time we returned to Washington together by train. The purpose of JUDITH's trips other than the one last mentioned was believed by me to be her desire to visit her parents or friends in New York and I was never given any reason by her to believe either prior to or subsequent to these trips that they were for any purpose other than social nor did she give any indication of indulging in any activity of an espionage nature. After JUDITH returned from her trip to New York which she took on February 18, I recall that she mentioned to me she had visited with [redacted] whom she described as a former employee of the Department of Justice in New York City.

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"During the course of my acquaintance with JUDITH, the following individuals were known by me to be friendly with her: [redacted] an employee of the Department of Justice, whom JUDITH and I visited upon one occasion at his home; [redacted] who I believe to be an employee of the Department of Labor and who resides at the McLean Gardens, with whom JUDITH had been a classmate at Barnard College; [redacted] an employee of the Department of State in Washington, whom I believe JUDITH first met when he was a fellow employee at the Department of Justice; [redacted] a writer for a magazine in Washington, who, although I did not personally know, was said by JUDITH to be a friend of hers; a Dr. MEISTER, who I believe to be an employee of or engaged in research work at the Cancer Institute, and his wife, who I believe was a classmate of JUDITH's. In addition to these individuals, JUDITH was friendly with and upon one occasion I visited with [redacted] I think that JUDITH and [redacted] had formerly been classmates at Barnard.

"At no time during our mutual visits to and conversations with any of the above individuals do I recall any discussions concerning politics or international affairs wherein it was indicated to me that they might have had pro-Communist or pro-Russian feelings or other disloyal feelings toward this form of government nor do I recall any of these individuals having expressed any sentiments which caused me to suspect in the slightest their patriotism or adherence to the democratic institutions of this government.

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"Very seldom did JUDITH refer specifically to her work and I definitely recall that at no time did she ever divulge to me any information which to my knowledge might be classified as highly confidential or secret. I know that sometime ago JUDITH had mentioned that she was contemplating preparing a thesis in furtherance of her Master's Degree concerning international propaganda, I think, and she mentioned approximately three weeks ago that she had contemplated including in her thesis reference to the Foreign Agents Registration Act but that she felt she could not include this in her thesis and make comment upon it without previously receiving clearance or permission to do so from her superiors at the Department of Justice. Although I do not specifically recall her reasons in the matter, it appears to me that JUDITH felt such clearance to be necessary from a security and administrative standpoint.

"During my acquaintance with Miss COPLON, I have had in my own mind absolutely no reason to question or be suspicious of her loyalty to this government. She has never spoken to me of knowing any Communists or Russian representatives. I was very much astounded when I learned of her arrest and the charges against her today. I have made this fact known to ALEX CAMPBELL, [REDACTED] NATHAN LEVIN, and [REDACTED]

"I have read the foregoing statement and it is an accurate transcription of the statement voluntarily given by me and I have signed it and initialed each page thereof.

S/ HAROLD P. SHAPIRO  
HAROLD PAUL SHAPIRO

"Witnesses:

S/ H. DUDLEY PAYNE  
H. DUDLEY PAYNE, Special Agent, FBI

S/ O. MICHAEL SMASAL  
O. MICHAEL SMASAL, Special Agent, FBI

S/ ROBERT L. SMELTZER  
ROBERT L. SMELTZER, Special Agent, FBI"

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HERBERT ANDOR STANTON was interviewed on March 7, 1949, by Special Agents Edward F. Hummer and Robert K. McQueen.

STANTON stated that he had never heard of the subject until he read in the newspaper of her arrest in New York on March 5, 1949. He said he could think of no reason why his name would be in her possession except that he recalled that about two months ago a woman who stated that she was in a section of the Justice Department which received foreign language periodicals contacted him asking him to decipher two or three Rumanian words. These words turned out to be a demand for renewal of a subscription.

STANTON, who works in the Division of Language Services, United States Department of State, said they have frequent requests for such translations and that he spoke Rumanian, Hungarian, German, and Dutch so that it would be a natural thing for the Chief of his section to refer such a query to him.

STANTON could not identify a photograph of COPLON.

The following background information is being set forth in case of future reference:

Residence

115 Del Ray Avenue,  
Bethesda, Maryland

Employment

1946 to present, translator,  
United States Department of  
State.

1943 to 1945, Chrysler Corporation,  
Chicago, Illinois.

1942 to 1943, Illinois Division  
of Bendix Corporation.

STANTON arrived in the United States in 1941, immigrating from Palestine. He was naturalized in Rockville, Maryland in 1946. He was born October 17, 1893 in Hungary.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents JACK S. TURTON and DONALD D. CONNORS, JR., on March 7, 1949.

On March 7, 1949, [redacted] senior attorney, U.S. Department of Labor, was interviewed in the Washington Field Office. [redacted] resides at [redacted]

[redacted] advised he was born [redacted] in New York City and that both his parents were born in New York City. He was educated in the New York public schools and received a Bachelor of Science degree from City College of New York in June 1936 and an LL.B. degree from St. Lawrence College in New York City in 1939. From 1942 until 1944 he attended the American University, Washington, D.C., and in 1944 received an M.A. degree from that institution. In connection with this education he attended the Graduate School of the Department of Agriculture in 1942 and 1943 as part of the curriculum at American University. In 1942 he attended Catholic University, Washington, D.C., in connection with that university's war service school. From March 1940 until 1941 he was employed by the firm of Goldenkoff-Murphy in New York City. From March 1941 until December 20, 1942, he was employed by the War Department and was with the Department of Labor from January 4, 1942, until September 19, 1946, on which date he transferred to the Department of the Army as an attorney in the Office of the Chief of Counsel for War Crimes, APO 696A, c/6 Postmaster, New York City. In May 1948 he returned from overseas and in September 1948 he took up his present position with the U.S. Department of Labor.

[redacted] advised that he first met subject COPLON in about July 1948 in Washington, D.C., on which occasion he was to attend a picnic at a nearby beach with some friends, including HELEN GRUNSTEIN, [redacted] ANASTASIA TANNHAUSER and a lawyer with the National Labor Relations Board whose name he was unable to recall. [redacted] recalled that it was his understanding that COPLON was coupled with [redacted] at this picnic. [redacted] stated he saw COPLON perhaps three or four times after that and each occasion on which he saw COPLON it concerned a party, dinner engagement or other social affair and COPLON was in the company of [redacted] at these affairs. It should be noted that [redacted] are fast friends and have known each other for approximately 13 years, having resided together from May 1948 until December 1948 at which time [redacted] went to New York City. They met in high school in New York and attended St. Lawrence College together. [redacted] also lived together in 1945 and 1946.

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With further regard to [ ] advised that he "had the impression" that [ ] COPLON on at least one occasion. [ ] was extremely reluctant to discuss this phase of the investigation and advised that he could be by no means sure of this but from something [ ] had said he had gained this "impression". [ ] furnished the signed statement, which appears hereinafter, but flatly refused to make mention of his [ ] COPLON in the statement.

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With further reference to [ ] advised that he was positive that [ ] was not and never had been a member of the Communist Party or that [ ] was sympathetic to the Communist Party. [ ] said that he was reasonably sure and again said that he "got the impression" from [ ] had seen COPLON in New York City on at least one occasion since Christmas 1948 and this occasion was probably in January 1949.

[ ] stated the last time he had seen COPLON was at a farewell party given by HELEN GRUNSTEIN for [ ] sometime in the middle of December 1948. [ ] advised that the following persons were present at that party in addition to GRUNSTEIN: JOE MLVDINOV, [ ] IRV HERMAN, MORT LIFTEN and LOUIS EISENSTEIN, who works for the Randolph Paul Law Firm.

With regard to other acquaintances of COPLON, [ ] advised that he knew that one PHIL ELLMAN, an employee of the U.S. Department of Justice, had "dated" COPLON on at least one occasion about a year or so ago. He also knew that COPLON was acquainted with [ ] and that [ ] was a Barnard College classmate of COPLON. [ ] further advised he had dated [ ] a few times when she first came to Washington a number of years ago.

[ ] recalled that he was in New York City when the first newspaper stories concerning COPLON's arrest were published and that he informed [ ] that COPLON had been arrested and acquainted [ ] with the details of the arrest. He stated [ ] was shocked and amazed.

[ ] stated he was not aware of the fact that COPLON worked for the Department of Justice.

With reference to COPLON's vacation trip to Europe, [ ] advised he knew of no reason other than a vacation for her taking the trip. [ ] said she had given him no indication of whom she had seen and had told him that she visited France and Italy. [ ] advised that he and COPLON had discussed her trip to Europe inasmuch as he had been in Germany working on the war crimes trials and they had a mutual interest in European affairs.

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[ ] advised that he knew COPLON made trips to New York City on occasion but stated that he thought she made these trips for the purpose of visiting her parents. He stated he does not know how long she has been making these trips or at what intervals she made them.

[ ] advised he had been to New York City over the weekend of March 5 and 6, 1949, and that [ ] had advised him that COPLON had been in New York City over the weekend of Washington's birthday, 1949. [ ] told him that he, [ ] had made arrangements for [ ] to accompany COPLON back to Washington on February 22, 1949, but that COPLON took the four o'clock train and [ ] did not want to return until later in the evening.

Other testimony given by [ ] appears in the signed statement set out below:

Washington, D.C.  
March 7, 1949

"I, [ ] make the following statement to JACK S. TURTON and DONALD D. CONNORS, JR., both of whom have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice. This statement is entirely voluntary and no threats or promises have been made to me. I am a practicing attorney, and do not desire the services of another attorney.

"My name is [ ] and I was born [ ] in New York City. I first met JUDITH COPLON in about July or August 1948. This was in the nature of a Sunday picnic outing at a neighboring beach. Just prior to driving to the beach, [ ] and I picked up JUDITH COPLON at her home at McLean Gardens. There were several other people on this picnic.

"I saw JUDITH COPLON perhaps three or four times, each being in the nature of a party, dinner engagement or other social affair, but I never took her out alone.

"I have no knowledge of COPLON's activities or her friends, although I know that COPLON knows one [ ] but I do not know the degree of acquaintanceship. I know that COPLON knows [ ] I know that PHIL ELLMAN took her but at least once. I know that [ ] took her out, and my best estimate is that he took her out six to eight times, from a period extending from July 1948 to December 1948, but I am almost positive that he did not take her out in October or November 1948. I have known [ ] for thirteen years.

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I think that [ ] saw COPLON only once from the end of September until the end of December. I am positive that [ ] did not aid COPLON in any espionage activity, or any activity directed against the best interests of the United States Government.

"When I informed [ ] on Saturday, March 5, 1949, that the newspapers carried the story of COPLON's arrest, [ ] was shocked and surprised that COPLON appears to have been engaged in activities inimical to the best interests of the United States. I may add that all times when I saw COPLON, no discussion of a political nature took place and she had never expressed any opinions which I considered pro-Soviet or anti-American.

"I got the impression from remarks made by [ ] that he had seen COPLON once in New York City sometime in January 1949, although I do not have positive knowledge of this.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of 1½ type-written pages and declare it to be true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S/ [ ]

"Witnessed:

"JACK S. TURTON

Special Agent, FBI

"DONALD D. CONNORS, JR.

FBI, Washington Field Office."

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ETTA TAYLOR

1261 Raum Street, N.E., Washington, D. C.  
Employed by Department of Justice

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Miss ETTA TAYLOR was interviewed by Special Agents ROBERT E. LEONARD and MILTON SINGMAN on March 5, 1949.

During the course of this interview, Miss TAYLOR executed the following signed statement:

Washington, D. C.  
March 5, 1949

"I, Miss ETTA TAYLOR, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents MILTON SINGMAN and ROBERT E. LEONARD of the F.B.I., who have identified themselves to me as such. No threats or promises have been made to me. I realize that this statement may be used in a court of law.

I have been employed in the Foreign Agents Registration section of the Department of Justice for approximately the past year as a stenographer. In this connection I have been assigned to take dictation from, and to do stenographic work for, Miss JUDITH COPLON, and NATHAN LENVIN of the Foreign Agents Registration section.

Included in my stenographic duties, I prepared data slips containing excerpts from FBI reports at Miss COPLON's direction. The excerpts which I typed on these data slips were information contained in FBI reports which Miss COPLON underlined and routed to me for the preparation of the data slips. Copies of the data slips were made for each person or organization underlined by Miss COPLON, whereas the original data slip applied to and was intended to be filed under the name of the main subject, which she indicated by underlining it twice.

These data slips were filed under three breakdowns; namely, country, individual or organization. These data slips were then filed in Room 2220, which is the room occupied by Miss COPLON, in unlocked cabinets arrayed against two walls of the room. I usually filed these data slips in the filing cabinets although sometimes Miss COPLON filed them herself.

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It is my understanding that the FBI reports examined by Miss COPLON are reviewed by her in connection with her official work as a political analyst. After I prepared the data slips I would attach them to the particular FBI reports they were based on and return them to Miss COPLON. She would check the data on the slips against the FBI reports and then stamp each FBI report 'File, J.C.' Sometimes COPLON had me use her stamp to stamp FBI reports with the stamp 'File J.C.'

I have examined photostatic copies of data slips exhibited to me by Special Agents SINGMAN and LEONARD which are designated for identification as follows:

- 1.) [2-page data slip captioned 'Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Industry' referring to FBI report dated February 17, 1948 at New York by Special Agent RUDOLPH V. GLINIAR, and bearing Dept. of Justice File number 146-1-51-1555; (X)]
- 2.) [1-page data slip entitled 'Kramar' referring to FBI report dated February 17, 1948 at New York, by Special Agent RUDOLPH V. GLINIAR, and bearing Dept. of Justice File number 146-1-51-1555; (X)]
- 3.) [2-page data slip entitled 'General Nicolae Radesou' referring to Bureau report dated May 15, 1948, Re: Nicolae Malaza, w/a, and bearing Dept. of Justice File number 146-1-51-1348; (X)]
- 4.) [1-page data slip entitled 'Novaya Zarya' referring to FBI report dated December 15, 1948 at San Francisco by Special Agent WESLEY G. GRAPP, and bearing Dept. of Justice File number 149-06-2-12; (X)]
- 5.) [2-page data slip entitled 'Novaya Zarya' referring to FBI report dated December 15, 1948 at San Francisco by Special Agent WESLEY G. GRAPP, and bearing Dept. of Justice File number 149-06-2-12; (X)]
- 6.) [1-page data slip entitled 'Novaya Zarya' referring to FBI report dated December 15, 1948 by Special Agent WESLEY G. GRAPP at San Francisco and bearing Dept. of Justice File number 149-06-2-12; (X)]

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- 7.) [2]-page data slip entitled 'Novaya Zarya' referring to FBI report dated December 15, 1948 at San Francisco, and bearing Dept. of Justice File number 149-06-2-12;
- 8.) [1]-page data slip entitled 'Napoli' referring to FBI report dated December 20, 1948 at New York by Special Agent ROBERT W. COHOLAN, and bearing Dept. of Justice File number 149-299;
- 9.) [1]-page data slip entitled 'Nicholas George Nicholas, w/a', referring to FBI report of October 12, 1948 at San Francisco by Special Agent EDWARD DORNLAS, Jr., and bearing Dept. of Justice File number 146-1-11-324.

I am unable to state that I prepared these particular data slips but I assume that I did prepare them since I am the only person who prepares these data slips at the present time. It appears to me that the data slips exhibited to me were prepared on my Royal typewriter.

I have read the above statement consisting of four pages and state it is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have initialed each page and each correction.

(Signed) ETTA TAYLOR

"Witnessed:

MILTON SINGMAN, Sp. Agt., FBI  
ROBERT E. LEONARD, Sp. Agt., FBI"

In addition to the above signed statement, Miss TAYLOR stated she had approximately five stenographic notebooks in her office at the Department of Justice dating back almost to October 1948, containing dictation given her by JUDITH COPLON and NATHAN LENVIN. Miss TAYLOR advised she would not destroy these notebooks but would preserve them for possible reference by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Miss TAYLOR stated that she has a number of FBI reports on her desk given her by Miss COPLON on which she is to prepare data slips.

Miss TAYLOR stated that in her desk draw is a memorandum designated to Mr. WILLIAM FOLEY, Chief of the Foreign Agents Registration section concerning the question of whether WINSTON CHURCHILL should be required to

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register as an agent of a foreign principal. Miss TAYLOR stated that this memorandum was being prepared for Miss COPLON at the time she left about 1:00 P.M., Friday, March 4, 1949.

Miss TAYLOR expressed complete surprise and shock that Miss COPLON should be in her present difficulty since she had no reason to suspect Miss COPLON of activities such as she is charged with.

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RUTH ROSSEN  
1660 Lanier Place, N.W., Washington, D. C.  
Employed by Department of Justice

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Mrs. RUTH ROSSEN was interviewed by Special Agents CHARLES D. CHAPMAN and CLIFFORD J. NELSON at the Washington Field Office on March 5, 1949. She advised that she has been employed by the Department of Justice since 1935 and for the past month has been employed in the Internal Security section of the Department, in Room 2222. She stated that COPLON was employed in the Foreign Agents Registration section in Room 2220.

Mrs. ROSSEN advised she came to work in the Internal Security Section one month ago and immediately thereafter met subject in the sense of meeting a fellow employee who occupied the adjacent room. Mrs. ROSSEN said that she saw subject normally during the course of every working day. She advised that after she had been in the Internal Security section a short time, approximately two weeks ago, she started reviewing FBI Internal Security reports, reviewing same as to Communist activities by various individuals, particularly looking for information as to violation of laws by such individuals for which they could be prosecuted, or violation of immigration laws for which such individuals could be deported. Mrs. ROSSEN stated that Miss COPLON had formerly done this work, or so she understood. Within a few days after Mrs. ROSSEN started this work, Miss COPLON asked Mrs. ROSSEN to refer to her, Miss COPLON, reports marked Internal Security - R (Russian) and any reports referring to or reporting information relative to individuals contacting foreign legations or embassies. Mrs. ROSSEN stated this request seemed normal and natural to her in view of the fact that Miss COPLON had formerly reviewed these reports and she was working on Foreign Agents Registration matters. Mrs. ROSSEN stated that some time later Mr. FOLEY, her superior, had asked her how the reports were being routed and she replied she had told Mr. FOLEY she was not sure and thereupon Mr. FOLEY asked if Miss COPLON had said anything about the reports. Mrs. ROSSEN told Mr. FOLEY of the request that COPLON had made. Mr. FOLEY thereupon told Mrs. ROSSEN to let Miss COPLON have any reports asked for but not to say anything about their conversation.

Mrs. ROSSEN advised during her acquaintance with Miss COPLON as a fellow employee she had had no discussions of any nature with Miss COPLON except such conversation as they would have concerning work they were performing and even these conversations were very brief and to the point. She stated that she had no particular interest in Miss COPLON and as Miss COPLON did not appear to be a very friendly person this was the reason she had had no particular conversations with her.

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Mrs. ROSSEN advised that the above constitutes her complete knowledge and contacts with Miss COPLON.

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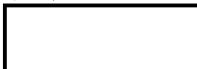
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AT NEW YORK CITY:

Will check records of Barnard College for available background information concerning SARAH BECKER.

Will check the personnel file of [ ] at UN headquarters, Lake Success, New York.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will interview the following individuals re associations, contacts, activities and all information available concerning COPLON:

CHARLES ROTHSTEIN, 4 Grove Street, Falls Church, Virginia.

JONATHAN THURSZ, State Department

[ ] State Department

MRS. ELIZABETH G. JACKSON, State Department

[ ] State Department

JAMES E. BOWERS, State Department

MARY BOBROVICH, State Department

ELIZABETH DEEBLE, State Department

KIM EBB, Atomic Energy Commission

BURKE ELBRICK, State Department

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VIRGINIA JAMES, State Department

CHARLES R. GELLNER, Library of Congress

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[redacted] State Department

DR. PITTMAN, POTTER, Dean, American University

[redacted], State Department

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HELEN L. SHEINGORN, Justice Department

EMIL SCHNELLBACHER, Department of Commerce

[redacted] State Department

[redacted] State Department

[redacted] Referral/Consult

EMMA BROOKS, 694 4th Street, S. E.

JOHN E. FULLER, JR., Apartment 1B, 2628 Tunlaw Road, N. W.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

MARY McGUGIN, OR 0787

[redacted]

Dr. JULIUS FOGEL, 1726 M Street, N. W.

Will ascertain further identifying information concerning EMMA BROOKS, 694 4th St., N. E., whose name appeared in a telephone list maintained in subject's residence.

Will obtain further information concerning [redacted] whose name was listed in a telephone directory maintained in the subject's residence.

Will attempt to identify MARY McGUGIN, ORdway 9787, whose name appears on subject's telephone list maintained in her residence.

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Will obtain identifying information concerning WALTER, ORdway 4941, whose name appears on the telephone list maintained by the subject in her apartment.

Will identify listing of Lee Office, N. W., UN 7713, appearing in New York referenced report as obtained from COPLON's address book.

Will further identify [redacted] whose name appears in an address book belonging to COPLON as set out in New York referenced report. Will obtain further identifying information concerning [redacted] whose name appears in subject's address book as listed in New York referenced report. [redacted] indicated that [redacted] and JUDITH COPLON were acquainted with one GLORIA FLYER, now Mrs. Dr. STERLING, 2100 Conn. Ave., who was a close friend of [redacted]

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Will obtain further identifying information concerning [redacted]

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Will obtain from PAULINE ANNIS, State Department, her note book in which she kept records of information that she had furnished to COPLON.

Will check records at American University, Wash., D. C., for information concerning COPLON's attendance there.

Will furnish identifying background information concerning LAWRENCE KNAPP, Attorney, Washington, D. C., who was given as a reference by COPLON on Application for Federal Employment dated March 13, 1947.

Will obtain information concerning [redacted] who according to Washington T-1 on January 25, 1949 was on a personal business telephone list maintained by the subject. NOTE: [redacted] appears in New York address list as residing [redacted]

Will recontact JOSEPH AMSBEY, Chief Evaluation Branch, Division of Security, U. S. Department of State for full details as to substance of airgrams requested by [redacted]

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Will check the subject's checking account at the Lincoln National Bank, 318 7th Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

This matter is being given continuous and immediate attention in this office and leads in addition to these set out are being handled as they arise from the result of interviews and other investigation.

Since the extent of investigation that has been conducted by the New York is unknown since the receipt of referenced report dated January 28, 1949, additional leads are not being set out for that office in this report and additional investigation based on this report is being left to the discretion of that office.

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Referring to Bureau instructions not to use ["SOME" information] (S) in reports on this case, the New York report of January 28, 1949 is referenced in this report as it furnished the basis for a portion of the investigation. Anything in New York report considered objectionable can be changed.

The information concerning [redacted] was taken from the case file entitled [redacted] DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, Junior Stenographer."

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The information concerning ELIZABETH DEEBIE was taken from the report of Special Agent PAUL H. HOGE entitled "ELIZABETH DEEBIE, Special Inquiry - State Department, Public Law 402, 80th Congress, VOICE OF AMERICA" dated June 9, 1948. Washington, D. C.

Referral/Consult

The information concerning VIRGINIA H. JAMES was taken from the report of Special Agent WILLIAM H. MARR dated July 18, 1947, Washington, D. C., entitled "ERNEST CHAPIN ROPES, Internal Security - R". The information concerning VIRGINIA D. JAMES was taken from the report of Special Agent LYNN D. SMITH dated September 29, 1948, Washington, D. C., entitled "VIRGINIA D. JAMES, ERP."

The information concerning NATHAN BERNARD LENVIN was obtained from the investigative file entitled "NATHAN BERNARD LENVIN, DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, Attorney, War Division."

The information concerning ISMENE S. MICROUTSICOS set forth in this report is contained in the file entitled "ISMENE S. MICROUTSICOS, DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT. Attorney."

The information concerning the surveillance of DONALD WHEELER was taken from the report of Special Agent FLOYD L. JONES dated December 18, 1945, Washington, D. C., entitled "NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was, et al, Espionage - R."

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The information concerning PITMAN B. POTTER was taken from the report of Special Agent HARRIS H. HUSTON dated April 4, 1942, Washington, D. C., entitled "DR. THEODORE SCHMIDT, was, Espionage - JIG" and the report of Special Agent L. D. McCONNELL dated January 2, 1942, Washington, D. C., entitled "Dr. EGON GIESINGER, was, Espionage - G."

The information concerning MAURICE SMYTHE RICE was taken from the report of Special Agent ANTON DAL SASSO dated June 7, 1948, Washington, D. C., entitled "MAURICE SMYTHE RICE, Special Inquiry - State Department, Public Law 402, 80th Congress, VOICE OF AMERICA."

The information concerning the surveillance of HARRY SAMUEL MAGDOFF was taken from the report of Special Agent RICHARD W. DOW dated November 6, 1946, at Boston entitled "GREGORY, Espionage - R."

The information concerning [ ] set out in this report was secured from the investigative file entitled [ ] OFFICE OF THE COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION, EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION."

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The information concerning [ ] is taken from the investigative file entitled [ ] Attorney, Office Chief of Counsel for War Crimes, Department of the Army, APO 696A, Care of Postmaster, New York, New York; LGE."

The information concerning MORRIS CHERTKOV's connection with WILLIAM STAFFORD and his representing CIO workers is taken from the case file entitled "MORRIS CHERTKOV, DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, - ALIEN PROPERTY."

The information concerning STANLEY I. POZNER was obtained from the case file entitled "MILTON QUINT, ERP."

The information contained in this report concerning [ ] is reflected in the file entitled [ ] DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, Attorney, Criminal Division."

The information concerning [ ] is taken from the investigative file entitled [ ] Attorney, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.; LGE."

The information concerning [ ] set out in this report is reflected in the case file entitled [ ] DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, ATTORNEY - TAX DIVISION."

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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T-1 - Highly confidential source known to Special Agents H. DUDLEY PAYNE and THOMAS A. MENDENHALL.

T-2 - Highly confidential source known to Special Agent H. DUDLEY PAYNE.

T-3 - [redacted]

T-4 - [redacted]

T-5 - [redacted]

[redacted] Washington, D. C. [redacted]  
is being carried as a confidential informant at his request.

T-6 - [redacted]

T-7 - [redacted] an employee of the Army Map Service, who has requested that her identity be maintained as confidential.

T-8 - [redacted]

T-9 - [redacted]

T-10 - [redacted]

T-11 - [redacted] (U)

T-12 - Highly confidential source known to Special Agents H. DUDLEY PAYNE and THOMAS A. MENDENHALL.

T-13 - [redacted]  
Washington, D. C.

T-14 - [redacted]

T-15 - [redacted] (U)

T-16 - [redacted]

T-17 - Highly confidential informant contacted December 13, 1947, set forth in the report of Special Agent CARL E. GRAHAM dated March 1, 1948 at Washington, D. C., entitled "Washington Bookshop Association, Successor to Bookshop Association, aka Washington

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T-18 - New York confidential informant

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: March 22, 1949

FROM : SA J. PHILIP KOCHENDERFER (C O P Y)

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

At approximately 12.13 p.m. on March 19, 1949, the writer was doing some work on his radio at home and by chance turned on Station WOR. A program was heard on which a male voice, identified as a Mr. FARRELL, was in conversation with a female singer whose first name was given as MONICA. The man was in the process of making the statement that after the war he had been attached with the Secret Service, and from his experience knew of the great danger which was run by an organization having leaks from within. He stated that it was very unfortunate that the FBI had had an employee such as Miss COPLON because when they send an Agent into a town under an assumed name with the intent of joining organizations to obtain information, that such an employee as Miss COPLON, knowing of the undercover agent's existence, would greatly endanger his life and the lives of others working for him. FARRELL's conversation was definite in indicating that Miss COPLON was an employee of the FBI, and he did not mention anything about the Department of Justice.

FARRELL later mentioned the fact that he had operated as an investigator in China during the war and had been instrumental in causing the arrest of 21 or 22 Chinese spies merely by showing them the "House on 92nd Street," a motion picture film produced by the FBI. He did not state with what organization he was connected in China. At this time he called to the microphone LLOYD NOLAN, motion picture actor, making the comment that now we'll find out about the inside of the FBI. He told NOLAN about his success in China using the "House on 92nd Street," and NOLAN asked if he had told Mr. HOOVER about it.

The above information as set forth by the writer is not verbatim. The words used are selected in an attempt to express the thoughts conveyed by FARRELL. His attitude was somewhat braggadocio, and it was apparent that he was very anxious to get into his program his background as a spy investigator of some sort.

At the conclusion of the program comment was made by the announcer that this was the first broadcast of a new program which would be continued from 12 noon to 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays over Station WOR.

This is being brought to your attention in view of the fact that FARRELL may in the future make statements which might not be basically true, and further give the public the impression that Miss COPLON was an employee in the FBI itself and that the FBI had serious leaks. You may desire to bring this to the attention of the SAC covering WOR, which is understood to be located in Newark, N. J. Studios may be in New York City.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, Philadelphia  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
Espionage (R)

DATE: March 22, 1949

I am submitting copies of a memorandum dated 3/22/49 prepared by SA J. PHILIP KOCHENDERFER, which memorandum is self-explanatory. It is felt that the Bureau may desire to have the New York Office make further inquiry into this matter with the view to correcting Mr. FARRELL's misstatements.

LVB/mjm.  
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Enclosures (2)

cc New York (Enclosure-1)

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 ADDENDUM: (LBN:mrh 3-28-49)

SAC Scheidt subsequently informed me that he listened to Farrell's transcript and that he very clearly stated that Coplon was an employee of the Department of Justice. Accordingly, no action is necessary. Scheidt is advising Philadelphia.

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When I saw the tall man following me I felt confident that he knew one or both of the young persons about whom I later wrote you.

There is a chance that none of the <sup>information</sup> given here is of any real interest to you.

I am writing you because I thought I should—in the light of the facts published this week.

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lived at the Hotel Shelton  
in New York volunteering  
for Air Raid Warden, Red  
Cross, Canteen and other  
services. During that period  
I went or wrote <sup>several times</sup> to Foley  
Square concerning things  
which I felt might be of  
interest to your skilled  
workers there. Those  
records, I think, establish  
my earnest desire to be  
of service.

Sincerely yours  
Miss Sarah Meseroll

March the seventh - 1949.

on Lexington (up the long hill)  
to 38<sup>th</sup> Street. I neared 39<sup>th</sup> St.  
I stopped suddenly to look in  
a fruitiers window and, to  
my great concern, saw the  
tall man, a block back of me.  
stop immediately and dodge  
down a side street so I  
was confident that I was  
being followed. I went up  
to 38<sup>th</sup> and flew into the  
Y. W. & H. - Ithaca House -  
scared stiff! I have no  
idea who or what he was.  
I am telling you because of  
a sense of gratitude and  
duty we all owe your depart-  
ment.

7000-Club 37-449 A.R.A.

Oatel Willard  
Washington 4 D.C.

Mr J. Edgar Hoover  
F. B. I. Building, Washington  
Dear Mr Hoover,

On August 8<sup>th</sup> on my  
way home from Nantucket  
I wrote you about two  
strangers who were seated  
near me in Horn and  
Hardsarts shop near 4<sup>th</sup>  
and Lexington, D.C. The young  
woman I think is the  
one who now has been  
exposed by your department.  
Judith Caplan. The young  
man

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man in the blue coat was of similar build to this Russian-Gubitcher. I most certainly have no desire to get myself mixed up in this insidious international incident but I feel that I should tell you of a second man whom I think I did not mention in the earlier letter.

The man was sprawled in a seat beyond my table at my right. He talked, I think, very casually with the older man who gave out the punch card tickets for food

purchased. They sat a little further in but opposite the cashier's desk.

This man was tall, loosely jointed; his suit, shirt, and hat made a blur of tan shades. I thought that he looked a bit out o' luck, and wondered if I'd dare ask the ticket giver-outer to offer the man a cup of coffee and some food, but I got over the idea quickly when he caught me listening to the couple back of me. From then on I was very conscious of his guarded alertness. When I left I walked south

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Miss Sarah Moseroll  
Hotel Willard  
Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street,  
Northwest  
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Miss Moseroll:

Your letter dated March 7, 1949,  
was received during the absence of Mr.  
Hoover from the city and I am taking the  
liberty of making this acknowledgment.

Sincerely yours,

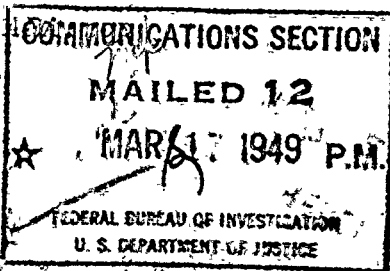
Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

CC - New York, with photostatic copy of incoming.

Julith

NOTE: Correspondent relates some non-specific  
information to the effect that she believes she saw  
the principal subjects in the Coplon-Gubitchev Case  
in a New York City automat last year in company with  
an unknown man. Correspondent stated she has visited  
our office several times during the past year to  
report various matters. Bureau files 105-2224 and  
100-270685 reflect correspondent wrote to the  
Bureau on July 31, 1947, giving non-specific infor-  
mation and visited the New York Office, February 19,  
1948, stating she is a retired Hunter College teacher,  
active in Christian Science. Based on previous experience  
with correspondent, no useful purpose will be served  
by encouraging further correspondence.

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VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV, ESPIONAGE - R. REURTEL MARCH SEVENTEEN

LAST. BUREAU INDICES CHECKED CONCERNING ABRAHAM NADEL AND THE ONLY

REFERENCE INDICATES EMPLOYED BY UNITED NATIONS AS SET FORTH BY

YOU. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO IMMEDIATELY INSTITUTE AN INVESTIGATION

OF NADEL TO DETERMINE IF HE HAS ACTED IN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES WITH

GUBITCHEV. STATE DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE HAS BEEN OBTAINED FOR THIS

DISCREET INVESTIGATION.

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*Note: See Roach notation 3rd page*

VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV, ESP-R. DURING INTERVIEW ON ANOTHER OFFICIAL  
MATTER, [REDACTED] NYC,

ADVISED THAT SHE HAD SEEN GUBITCHEV MAKE CONTACT WITH A MAN WHOSE NAME  
SHE COULD NOT RECALL, WHO RESIDED IN APARTMENT TWENTY THREE, FIFTEEN  
WEST ONE NAUGHT SEVENTH ST., NYC, UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES REVEALED THAT THIS APARTMENT IS OCCUPIED

AND HAS BEEN OCCUPIED FOR SOME TIME BY ABRAHAM NADEL AND WIFE. NADEL  
IS A SENIOR PROOF READER, DEPT. OF CONFERENCE AND GENERAL SERVICES,

BUREAU OF DOCUMENTS, PRINTING DIVISION OF UNITED NATIONS. HE WAS BORN

IN RUSSIA AND REPORTEDLY BECAME A US NATURALIZED CITIZEN IN NINETEEN  
TWENTY EIGHT. [REDACTED] IN INTERVIEW, MARCH SIXTEEN, FORTY NINE,

STATED THAT SHE FORMERLY RESIDED APT. TWENTY FOUR, FIFTEEN WEST ONE  
NAUGHT SEVENTH ST., NYC AND THAT SHE KNEW THE OCCUPANT OF APT. TWENTY

THREE AS A NEIGHBOR, BUT COULD NOT RECALL HIS NAME. WHEN THE NAME OF  
NADEL WAS MENTIONED, SHE IDENTIFIED THE OCCUPANT OF APT. TWENTY THREE

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AS NADEL. FROM PHOTOGRAPHS OF GUBITCHEV, [ ] MADE A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF GUBITCHEV AS THE MAN WHO HAD MADE THE FOLLOWING CONTACTS WITH NADEL. ON APPROXIMATELY NINE OR TEN OCCASIONS DURING NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT AT APPROXIMATELY SEVEN PM WHILE EN ROUTE HOME FROM WORK, SHE OBSERVED BOTH NADEL AND GUBITCHEV GET OFF THE INDEPENDENT SUBWAY AT THE HUNDRED TENTH ST. STOP, LAG BEHIND THE GROUP THAT GOT OFF THE TRAIN AND THEN WHEN THE STATION BECAME DESERTED OR PARTIALLY DESERTED THEY TALKED TO EACH OTHER AS THEY WALKED SLOWLY TOWARD THE HUNDRED NINTH ST. EXIT. ON THREE OCCASIONS, THAT IS ON CONTACTS IN MAR., MAY AND OCT. OR NOV., FORTY EIGHT, SHE OBSERVED GUBITCHEV PASS WHAT APPEARED TO HER TO BE A QUOTE A MANUSCRIPT OR MANUSCRIPTS TO NADEL UNQUOTE, GUBITCHEV TAKING THEM OUT OF HIS BRIEFCASE, GIVING THEM TO NADEL WHO PUT THEM IN HIS BRIEFCASE. ACCORDING TO [ ] NADEL AND GUBITCHEV WHEN APPROACHING STAIRS TO THE ST. WOULD TAKE LEAVE OF EACH OTHER AND WOULD THEREAFTER GIVE NO SIGN OF RECOGNITION WHEN THEY REACHED THE STREET LEVEL. NADEL AND GUBITCHEV WOULD PROCEED IN SEPARATE DIRECTIONS, NADEL WALKING SOUTH ON CENTRAL PARK WEST AND GUBITCHEV

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WALKING WEST ON HUNDRED NINTH ST. THROUGHOUT THE TIME OF CONTACTS b6  
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NADEL RESIDED FIFTEEN WEST HUNDRED SEVENTH ST., NYC, GUBITCHEV RESIDING  
ONE FIVE EIGHT WEST HUNDRED SIXTH ST UNTIL AUG. FORTY EIGHT WHEN  
HE MOVED TO SIX FOUR WEST HUNDRED EIGHTH ST., NYC. INVESTIGATION RE-  
VEALS THAT THE SHORTEST DISTANCE FROM ONE HUNDRED TENTH ST. INDEPEN-  
DENT SUBWAY STATION TO NADEL AND GUBITCHEV RESPECTIVE APTS. WOULD HAVE  
PERMITTED THEM TO WALK TOGETHER AT LEAST FOR A BLOCK.  OBSERVED  
THAT NADEL WENT TO HIS APT. BUILDING AFTER THESE CONTACTS, BUT KNEW  
NOTHING AS TO GUBITCHEVS DESTINATION. NO PERTINENT INFO IN NY FILE  
CONCERNING NADEL. BUREAU REQUESTED TO CHECK INDICES RE ABRAHAM NADEL AND  
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BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE HIM.

SCHEIDT

*Mr. Neal advised Bureau  
of Dept. of Justice  
that NADEL cleared for a  
request for a investigation  
discreet 3/25/49*

*cc. Mr. Fletcher*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: February 21, 1949

FROM : H. B. Fletcher

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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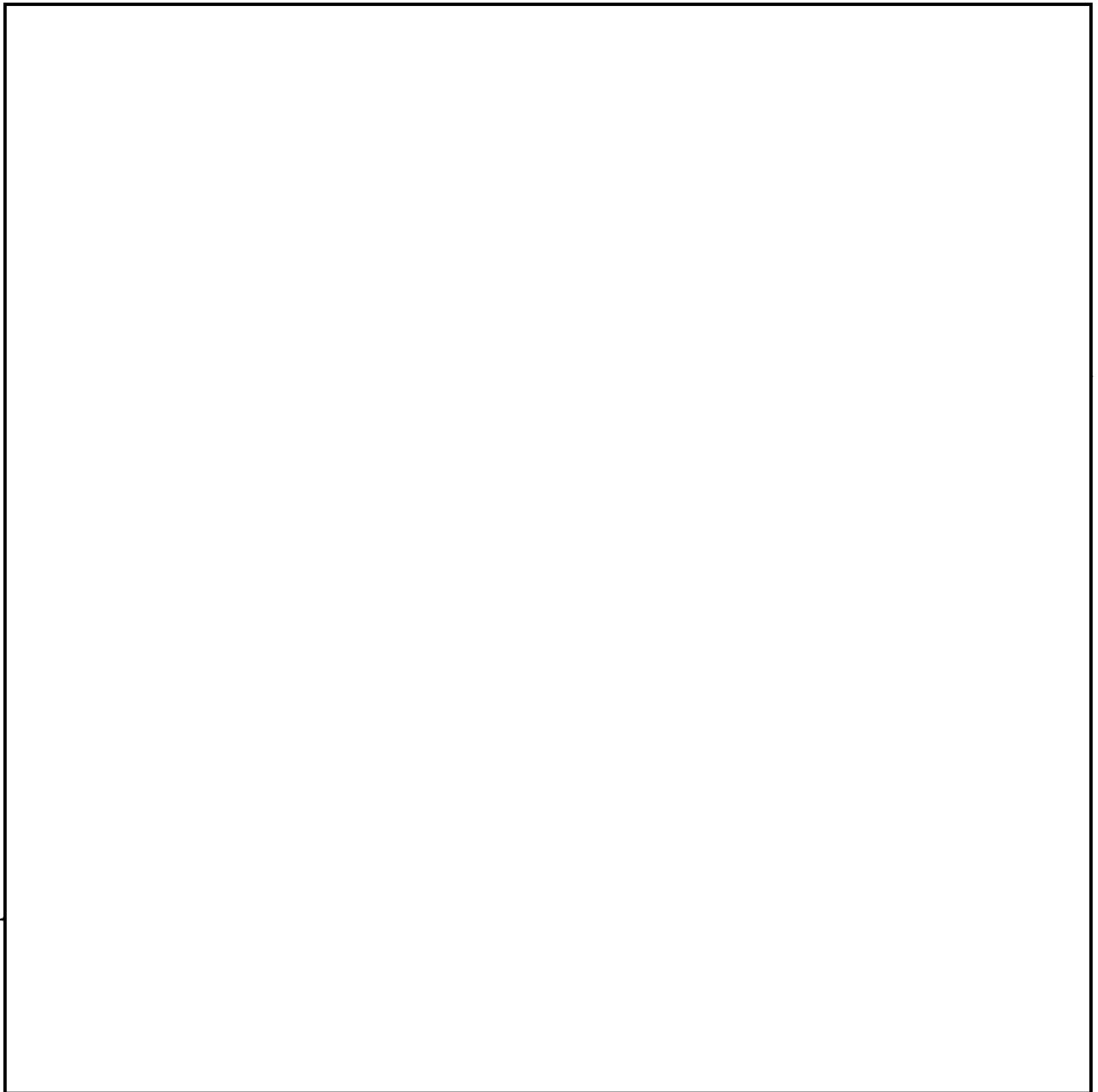
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For Immediate Release:  
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1949

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Attorney General Tom C. Clark today announced that a Federal Grand Jury in New York City indicted Judith Coplon and Valentine A. Gubitchev on a four-count indictment charging them with conspiracy to defraud the United States Government.

Copy of the indictment is attached.

The Government's case was presented to the Grand Jury by United States Attorney John F. X. McGohey and Special Assistants to the Attorney General Raymond P. Whearty and Thomas J. Donegan.

The Attorney General said that prior to Miss Coplon's arrest no Committee of Congress had been in communication with the Department of Justice concerning the activity of Judith Coplon.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON  
 FROM : J. A. CARLSON  
 SUBJECT: LEGAL ASPECTS OF JUDITH COPLON CASE

DATE: March 11, 1949

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 Miss Beahm  
 Miss Gandy

Pursuant to the request of the Director, an analysis has been made of the Coplon Case concerning its legal aspects and the soundness of the case against both defendants, Coplon and Gubitchev. The indictment returned by the Grand Jury on March 10, 1949 consists of four counts. (Copy of indictment is attached). Count I charges Conspiracy. Counts II and IV charge attempts by Coplon to transmit documents to Gubitchev. Count III charges an attempt by Gubitchev to receive and obtain documents.

The questions of substantive law involved appear to present no difficulties. The questions of adequacy of circumstantial evidence to establish facts to the satisfaction of a jury present another problem. There appears to be three principal problems involved in this respect:

1. Proof of agreement to commit a crime. (Count I).
2. Proof of attempt to commit a crime. (Counts II, III and IV).
3. Proof that documents involved relate to the National Defense. (Counts II, III and IV).

A brief discussion of the above three problems is hereinafter set forth.

PROOF OF AGREEMENT TO COMMIT A CRIME

It is well-established law that a conspiracy consists of two or more persons agreeing to commit an unlawful act and an overt act by one in furtherance of the conspiracy. The burden of proof is, of course, on the Prosecution. In the Coplon Case, it is quite evident there should be no difficulty in establishing overt acts. More difficulty may be encountered, however, in establishing an agreement between Coplon and Gubitchev. The courts have repeatedly held that the agreement need not be a formal one or subject to direct proof.

"It is not essential that the agreement be in any specified form or that any particular words be used. It is enough if the minds of the parties meet and join in an understanding to accomplish a common purpose. A conspiracy is rarely susceptible of direct proof as conspirators seldom reduce their agreements to writing or make public their unlawful plans, but direct proof is not necessary. The offense may be proved by circumstantial evidence. It may be deduced from statements, acts and conduct of the parties."

Reavis v. U.S.  
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Valentine A. Gubitchev

2. Without attempting to review all the evidence in the Coplon Case, it would seem that a full presentation of the facts including the nature of the documentary information in Coplon's possession at the time of arrest; the circumstances surrounding this meeting as well as previous ones between Coplon and Gubitchev; the unusual precautions exercised by both prior to, during and following these meetings, would adequately convince a jury of an understanding or agreement, a "meeting of the minds" as between Coplon and Gubitchev.

1. We must consider, of course, that the Defense for Gubitchev will undoubtedly emphasize the lack of positive or direct proof of any such agreement. We must endeavor to develop as much substantial evidence as possible relevant to this point. Efforts are presently being directed, it is understood, towards this objective. It would seem reasonable to conclude that this count is just as strong against Gubitchev as it is Coplon because, unless these two defendants can both be included in the conspiracy, there is no case against either.

#### PROOF OF ATTEMPT TO COMMIT A CRIME

A good summation of the various decisions concerning what constitutes an attempt has been summarized as follows:

"The question as to what constitutes an attempt to commit a particular crime is often intricate and difficult to determine and no general rule has been or can be laid down which may be applied as a test in all cases. Each case must be determined on its own facts in the light of certain principles which appear to be well settled. An attempt to commit a crime is any overt act done with the intent to commit the crime and which, except for the interference of some cause preventing the carrying out of the intent, would have resulted in the commission of the crime. An indictable attempt, therefore, consists of two important elements: (1) an intent to commit the crime, and (2) a direct, ineffectual act done towards its commission.

"In a general way, however, it may be said that preparation consists in devising or arranging the means or measures necessary for the commission of the offense and that the attempt is the direct movement toward the commission after the preparations are made.

"The act must reach far enough toward the accomplishment of the desired result to amount to the commencement of the consummation. While it need not be the last proximate act to the consummation of the offense attempted to be perpetrated, it must approach sufficiently near to it to

stand either as the first or some subsequent step in a direct movement toward the commission of the offense after the preparations are made. Whenever the design of a person to commit crime is clearly shown, slight acts done in furtherance of that design will constitute an attempt and the courts should not destroy the practical, and common-sense administration of the law with subtleties as to what constitutes preparation and what an act done toward the commission of a crime."

14 American Jurisprudence  
Sections 65, 67, 68.

It would appear that substantially all of the circumstantial evidence appropriate to establish a conspiracy would also be used to establish attempt. Since the last three counts of the indictment either charge Coplon with an attempt to transmit to Gubitchev certain documents, or charge Gubitchev with an attempt to receive documents from Coplon, it reasonably follows that we have just as strong a case against Gubitchev as against Coplon, because, to establish the offense as against one it is necessary to establish the offense against both.

PROOF THAT DOCUMENTS INVOLVED RELATE TO THE  
NATIONAL DEFENSE

The Supreme Court has held that what is or is not connected with "National Defense" is properly a question of fact for the jury.

"Whether or not the information obtained by any defendant in this case, concerned, regarded, or was connected with the National Defense, is a question of fact solely for the determination of this jury under these instructions."

Gorin v. U.S.

The contents of the "Data Sheets" or abstracts and other documents in the possession of Coplon at the time of arrest would be of interest to the Soviets by showing them what we know, our techniques, informants, subjects and extensiveness of our investigations. This information would obviously be of material assistance to the Soviets in planning their espionage strategy.

We will, of course, be confronted with the necessity of introducing these documents in evidence with possibly the necessity of producing the relevant FBI reports at least for examination by the judge. The extent to which these may be kept secret or undisclosed depends upon the ruling of the court.

Another problem in connection with this question concerns the extent to which the Department of Justice will go in producing witnesses to establish that the Data Sheets contain information relating to the National Defense, that her efforts went way beyond the scope of her work in the Foreign Agents Registration Unit, and that removal of these were contrary to instructions. It is believed that this type of testimony could be of

material assistance not only in establishing their relationship to National Defense but also in establishing intent.

The possibility of Gubitchev successfully using a plea of diplomatic immunity has not been considered as it is understood the State Department has concluded that he is not so entitled and that employees of the United Nations are not subject to diplomatic immunity as evidenced by the oath taken by such employees:

"I solemnly (undertake, affirm, promise) to exercise in all loyalty, discretion and conscience the functions intrusted to me as a member of the International Service of the United Nations, to discharge its functions and regulate my conduct with the interests of the United Nations only in view, and not to seek or accept instructions in regard to the performance of my duties from any Government or other authority external to the organization."

#### CONCLUSIONS

1. The case against Gubitchev is just as strong as the case against Coplon.
2. If the Prosecution can establish a case under any one count, it would seem that a conviction on all four counts would necessarily result.
3. It is believed the evidence is adequate to successfully prosecute both defendants. It would be advisable, however, to continue efforts to develop any other evidence which would be pertinent to a successful prosecution.

*I think it is imperative  
to develop other evidence  
for as case stands I fear  
a clever defense counsel  
has a good chance of  
killing it.*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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DATE: March 14, 1949

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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

ASAC Belmont, New York, called at 11:30 a.m. today and stated that the arraignment of Gubitchev began at 10:30 a.m. today and was just finished at the time of his call. The principal question today was whether or not Gubitchev would accept as his attorney Fowler Hamilton, appointed by the Court. Mr. Belmont said there was considerable discussion with the Judge trying to explain to Gubitchev the rules and procedures under which he would be tried and he pointed out to Gubitchev that without counsel he would be considerably handicapped and would not understand what was transpiring.

Gubitchev made a couple of speeches after asking for a translator. One of the speeches was provoking in that he asserted that he had been snatched off the street, that he didn't even know that he had been arrested, and he claimed the entire matter appeared to be a comedy. He stated that in his country diplomats weren't snatched off the streets as he had been and it reminded him of the procedures of the Middle Ages. The Judge then pointed out to him that he knew he was under arrest, that he, the Judge, had personally explained this to him at 5:30 a.m. and numerous times since. Further, the Judge had explained everything to him step by step, and that the matter was not a comedy. The Judge tried to make Gubitchev make a decision as to whether or not he would use Hamilton as his attorney. The Judge also pointed out to him that the Court would have to decide on his diplomatic immunity. Gubitchev responded that the Court hadn't given him diplomatic immunity at any time, and he did not see how the Judge could settle that decision. The Court tried to make further explanation and ended up by setting the arraignment for 10:30 a.m. tomorrow. Gubitchev stating that he wanted a couple of days to think about whether or not he wanted to accept legal counsel.

Gubitchev obviously was stalling to get further advice from his superiors.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: March 17, 1949

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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While talking with ASAC Belmont of New York today in connection with other matters, he advised that he had noticed in the newspapers that a warrant based on the indictment returned against Coplon in D. C. was to be served on this subject at her home in Brooklyn. Mr. Belmont referred to previous discussions of the New York Office with the Bureau concerning this matter and was wondering whether Coplon was going to report to the office of the USA in the SDNY rather than have the warrant served on her at her residence.

I told Mr. Belmont that Mr. Whearty of the Department had advised the Bureau this morning that Coplon's attorney, Bertram Adams, had been in touch with him, Whearty, and that arrangements had been made to have Coplon and her attorney come to Washington tomorrow morning at 8:30 where they would contact Whearty and, in all probability, they would be instructed to appear at the U. S. District Court here at about 1:30 for arraignment on the indictment returned against her yesterday.

Mr. Belmont also stated that while he was out of the office this morning, Coplon's attorney, Bertram Adams, endeavored to reach him. Mr. Belmont said that he feels that, among other things, Adams will probably ask whom he should contact to obtain the key to Coplon's apartment in Washington. Mr. Belmont said that unless the Bureau instructs to the contrary, he will suggest Mr. Whearty of the Department. I told Mr. Belmont that this suggestion appeared to be proper.

Later this afternoon Mr. Whearty called and advised that the arraignment of Coplon had been postponed from tomorrow, Friday, March 18, to 1:45 P.M. on Monday, March 21.

While talking with Mr. Whearty he also indicated that the question had come up as to whether a member of Coplon's family, in all probability her brother Bertram, might be permitted to go to her apartment while in Washington in connection with subject's arraignment, for the purpose of closing out the apartment and also to obtain any personal effects which she may have left in the office. Mr. Whearty stated that he told Coplon's attorney, Adams, that he could see no objection so far as going out to the apartment and closing it out was concerned but as for any personal effects she may have left in the Department of Justice Building, it would be necessary to see what they are, and after this was done a determination could be made as to whether they could be turned over to the family. Whearty added that he told Adams to have Coplon's brother see him when he comes to

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Washington and this matter will be ironed out at that time. Mr. Whearty said that so far as the Department was concerned, he could see no reason for not letting Coplon's brother move her effects out and close the apartment, particularly inasmuch as the place had already been examined by the Bureau under a search warrant. Whearty said that when Coplon's brother contacts him in this connection he will notify the Bureau. In the event the Bureau desires to have an Agent accompany Coplon to the Apartment, it can be done.

ADDENDUM

While talking with Mr. Belmont at 4:50 P.M. today I advised him that the arraignment of Coplon had been postponed until 1:45 P.M., March 21, 1949.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: March 17, 1949

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

With reference to the attached teletype, dated March 15, 1949, from the New York Office, relating to abstract slips in Coplon's possession, during an informal discussion with Mr. Foley of the Department, he advised me that several of the abstracts in the possession of Coplon were actually copies of abstracts which should be in the files of the Department under their filing system. He explained that the original of the abstracts is filed by subject matter and the several copies are otherwise filed under their system. It is possible from the original to determine the number of copies and where they should be filed. Mr. Foley did indicate that there has been some destruction from time to time which might interfere with the results of a check to see what copies of what abstracts are missing. He stated that abstracts relating to matters which can now be regarded as obsolete are the ones which can be destroyed and that current abstracts should be intact.

I instructed Supervisor Delavigne of the Washington Field Office to check these abstracts to determine if any copies are missing of those prepared in the years 1948 and 1949. I made this limitation so that time will not be wasted if this check proves to be fruitless or inconclusive. In the event it appears that the result of the check will make it worthwhile to go back further, appropriate instructions will be issued at that time.

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Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
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Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
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Mr. Pennington	.....
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Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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DIRECTOR, SAC NEW YORK AND SAC WASHINGTON FIELD U R G E N T

JUDITH COPLIN, ESPIONAGE DASH R. DETECTIVE CAPTAIN JOHN REED, JOHNSTOWN, PA. PD, ADVISES GEORGE BELLACK, HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER, ONE TWO FOUR FOUR MENOHER BLVD., JOHNSTOWN, PA., TOLD HIM SIGMUND MOROH, ENGINEER FOR CARNEGIE ILLINOIS STEEL CORP., ONE TWO FOUR FOUR MENOHER, JOHNSTOWN, ON MARCH SIXTH, LAST RECOGNIZED IN HIS PRESENCE A NEWSPAPER PICTURE OF THE SUBJECT AND REMARKED QUOTE THE IS MY COUSIN I HAVEN-T SEEN IN FOUR OR FIVE YEARS, UNQUOTE. MOROH THEN SAID IF SHE WAS SMART SHE WOULD GET A PLANE BACK TO RUSSIA. BELLACK REPORTED TO REED THAT MOROH MADE SEVERAL PHONE CALLS TO NEW YORK CITY AND LEFT TOWN SUPPOSEDLY FOR A BUSINESS TRIP TO BUTLER, PA. AND BELLACK SUSPECTED MOROH WENT TO NEW YORK CITY. NO INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY PITTSBURGH UNLESS ADVISED.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

DATE: March 19, 1949

FROM : M. E. Torrens

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
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Special Agent John D. O'Connell telephoned from the New York Office at 5:20 PM today relative to the surveillance of Harold Shapiro and advised as follows:

Shapiro arrived in New York at 6:15 PM March 18, 1949, and went directly to the Harmony Club, 4 East 60th Street. He left the club about an hour later with a man assumed to be Rosen. After having dinner at the Red Coach Grill on 58th Street, Rosen and Shapiro went to an apartment house at 370 Central Park, West, where both men stayed over night. The New York telephone directory lists a telephone for one A. Abbott Rosen at the above address.

Shapiro and Rosen left 370 Central Park, West, about twelve o'clock on March 19, 1949 and proceeded by cab to the Squibb Building, 745 Fifth Avenue. About 45 minutes later they came out with a third man, identity unknown, and proceeded by cab to 521 - 51st East 20th Street in the Peter Cooper Village. The third man shook hands with Shapiro and Rosen and entered the building at the above address. Shapiro and Rosen walked to 601 East 20th Street in Peter Cooper Village, where they entered and stayed about 45 minutes. When they came out of the building, they were accompanied by another man, identity unknown. After talking for awhile in front of the building, Shapiro shook hands with both men and walked West on 20th Street alone. Shapiro seemed to be looking around in rather an apprehensive manner and the surveillance of him was not continued. Rosen and the other man walked East on 20th Street. Due to the fact that these men also seemed to be somewhat suspicious, they were not followed.

Agents are now on surveillance at 370 Central Park, West, where Shapiro left his overnight bag, in the hope of picking up the surveillance of Shapiro again if he returns to that address.

O'Connell advised that a teletype, giving complete details of the surveillance, would be submitted to the Bureau.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *Jm*

DATE: March 21, 1949

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

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Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

At 9:25 a.m. today, ASAC Belmont, New York, advised that Coplon and her attorney, Archie Palmer, had left New York at 9:15 a.m., Eastern Flight #33, due in Washington at 10:30 a.m. Coplon was due to be arraigned at 1:30 p.m. on an outstanding indictment in the District of Columbia. They had reservations to return to New York at 4:00 p.m. Coplon was traveling under the name of Helen Clark.

At 2:30 p.m., Mr. Ray Whearty of the Department advised that Coplon entered a plea of not guilty and the Judge set the bail at \$10,000.

At 3:40 p.m., Supervisor Delavigne of the Washington Field Office advised that Coplon had made the \$10,000 bond by submitting a check in the amount of \$7,000 and \$3,000 cash.

Mr. Belmont, at 9:25 a.m., advised that there appears to be a large number of phone calls between the Soviet personnel at New York and the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. Among other things, a copy of the rules and regulations regarding consulates in the United States had been requested and also a copy of Section 3, Paragraph 7, of the Immigration Act of May 26, 1924, which was described as setting out the immunities of foreign officials, was requested by the Embassy. Further, the Soviet Ambassador instructed that Gubitchev's passport be brought down to Washington.

At 3:40 p.m., Supervisor Delavigne advised that the technical surveillance reflects that one of the secretaries of the Soviet Embassy, who has been very active in the Gubitchev matter, is now in New York; the Soviet Consul from the Embassy went to New York at noon, and it appears that the Soviet Ambassador is to go to New York at 4:00 p.m. No other information has been received currently reflecting that Gubitchev is to be released for deportation; however, it is indicated that the activity on the part of the Embassy personnel in the Gubitchev has greatly increased.

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Subject

Tudith Coplon

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: March 21, 1949

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Miss Gandy	_____

At 9:25 a.m. today, ASAC Belmont, New York, advised that with reference to the surveillance of Harold Shapiro, it was believed that Shapiro had evaded the surveillance. He was last seen at 6:05 p.m., Saturday night, entering the address 370 Central Park, West, which is an apartment house. He had been very surveillance conscious. Mr. Belmont asked that I check with the Department to see if he had returned to duty.

I reached Mr. Ray Whearty at 10:00 a.m. and he called me back and advised that Shapiro was at his desk. I informed Mr. Belmont immediately.

Mr. Belmont did state that Shapiro had met Rosen and had also met several other people whose identities had not yet been determined.

ACTION: None. For information.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. RE PREVIOUS TELEPHONE CALL ON SURVEILLANCE OF HAROLD P. SHAPIRO. SHAPIRO ARRIVED NYC SIX FIFTEEN PM, PENN RAILROAD, MARCH EIGHTEEN, LAST, AND WENT IMMEDIATELY BY TAXI TO HARMONIE CLUB, FOUR EAST SIXTY STREET, NYC. LEFT SMALL OVERNIGHT BAG THERE. REMAINED ABOUT THREE MINUTES AND LEFT WITH MAN BELIEVED TO BE A. B. ROSEN. BOTH WALKED TO RED COACH GRILL AT FIFTY EIGHTH STREET WHERE THEY HAD DRINKS AND DINNER. LEFT AND WALKED AROUND VICINITY FOR TWENTY FIVE MINUTES, THEN WENT TO SAVOY PLAZA HOTEL COCKTAIL LOUNGE AND REMAINED THERE FROM NINE FIFTEEN TO ELEVEN TEN PM AT WHICH TIME THEY WENT BACK TO THE HARMONIE CLUB WHERE THEY PICKED UP SHAPIRO-S OVERNIGHT BAG. THEY THEN PROCEEDED BY CAB TO THREE SEVENTY CENTRAL PARK WEST, NYC. DURING THE TIME THEY WERE TOGETHER, SHAPIRO HAD TALKED ALMOST CONSTANTLY. THE TWO REMAINED OVER NIGHT AT THREE SEVENTY CENTRAL PARK WEST. A TELEPHONE IS LISTED TO A. ABBOT ROSEN AS RESIDING AT THREE SEVENTY CENTRAL PARK WEST. THE BELL BOX AT THIS ADDRESS HAS A. C. ROSEN LISTED IN APARTMENT THREE TEN. THERE IS NO INDICATION IN WHAT APARTMENT SHAPIRO STAYED. AT TWELVE FIFTEEN PM ON MARCH NINETEEN, LAST, SHAPIRO AND ROSEN LEFT THREE SEVENTY CENTRAL PARK WEST AND PROCEEDED BY CAB TO THE SQUIBB BUILDING, SEVEN FOUR FIVE FLETH AVENUE. THEY REMAINED THERE UNTIL ONE TEN PM. WHEN BOTH LEFT WITH AN UNKNOWN MAN. THE THREE PROCEEDED BY TAXI TO

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EAST TWENTIETH STREET WHERE THE NEW DEVELOPMENT, THE PETER COOPER VILLAGE, IS LOCATED. THE THREE WERE CONSTANTLY LOOKING BACK, AND WERE OBVIOUSLY LOOKING FOR A SURVEILLANCE. THEY STOOD ON THE SIDEWALK FOR TEN MINUTES, AND THEN THE UNKNOWN MAN SHOOK HANDS WITH SHAPIRO AND ROSEN AND ENTERED PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT WITH THE ADDRESS FIVE TWO ONE DASH FIVE ONE EAST TWENTIETH STREET, WHICH LED TO SEVERAL OF THE APARTMENT HOUSES. SURVEILLANCE DISCONTINUED. SHAPIRO AND ROSEN STILL TALKING. WALKED TO SIX NAUGHT ONE EAST TWENTIETH STREET, ANOTHER APARTMENT HOUSE, SAME DEVELOPMENT, WHICH THEY ENTERED. REMAINED THERE UNTIL TWO FORTYFIVE P.M. AND LEFT WITH SECOND UNKNOWN MAN. THE THREE TALKED IN FRONT OF AN APARTMENT HOUSE FOR FEW MOMENTS AND THEN SHAPIRO SHOOK HANDS WITH ROSEN AND UNKNOWN MAN AND BEGAN WALKING ALONE TO TWENTIETH STREET. NO ATTEMPT MADE TO CONTINUE SURVEILLANCE OF HIM AS HE WAS CONSTANTLY LOOKING BACK. ROSEN AND UNKNOWN MAN WALKED TO EAST TWENTIETH STREET AND EAST RIVER DRIVE, END OF PAGE TWO

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TURNED SOUTH, BOTH LOOKING BACK. NO ATTEMPT MADE TO SURVEILL THEM. SHAPIRO WAS OBSERVED TO ENTER THREE SEVENTY CENTRAL PARK WEST, AT SIX NAUGHT FIVE P.M., SAME DATE, IN COMPANY WITH YOUNG MAN ABOUT TWENTY TO TWENTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE. SURVEILLANCE CONTINUED FOR REMAINDER OF EVENING AND ALL OF MARCH TWENTYFIRST, BUT SHAPIRO NOT OBSERVED TO LEAVE THIS ADDRESS. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF UNKNOWN MEN VERY MEAGER DUE TO DISTANCE AGENT HAD TO KEEP BETWEEN SHAPIRO AND HIS CONTACTS AND THE AGENT HIMSELF. SPOT SURVEILLANCE AT SQUIBB, PETER COOPER VILLAGE, AND THREE SEVENTY CENTRAL PARK WEST NOT LIKELY TO MAKE IDENTIFICATION, SO NO ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE UNLESS BUREAU ADVISES TO THE CONTRARY. WFO REQUESTED TO REVIEW ANY INFO THEY HAVE FROM INVESTIGATION OF SHAPIRO WHICH IS CONNECTED WITH ANY OF THE ADDRESSES MENTIONED ABOVE.....CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISED THAT JUDITH COPLON IS DEFINITELY RETAINING ARCHIBALD PALMER, A NY ATTORNEY, AS HER ATTORNEY. SHE LEFT NYC AT NINE FIFTEEN A.M. THIS DATE, TAKING EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT THIRTYTHREE UNDER THE NAME OF HELEN CLARK. PALMER ALSO ON PLANE. PALMER INTENDS TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF AN UNKNOWN D.C. ATTORNEY. BOTH CLARK AND PALMER HAVE RETURN RESERVATIONS TO NYC ON EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT THIRTYSIX, ARRIVING NYC FIVE

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SIXTEEN P.M. BERT ~~COPLON~~ ILL AND NOT MAKING TRIP TO WASHINGTON. LAST INFO ON BAIL IS THAT BERT HAD OBTAINED SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS BAIL FROM ~~BOB~~ /PH/, AND EXPECTS TO GET THREE THOUSAND FROM ~~LUDLOW~~ /PH/.....DURING THE PAST WEEKEND, THERE WERE SEVERAL TALKS BETWEEN THE RUSSIANS IN D.C. AND NYC. INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING CONSULATES IN THE U.S., BOTH IN THE RUSSIAN AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES. IT WAS NOTED THAT PANYUSHKIN WANTED GUBITCHEV-S PASSPORT DELIVERED TO WASHINGTON BY SOMEONE WITH DIPLOMATIC STATUS. ON THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH TWENTY, TOLOKONNIKOV FROM WASHINGTON SPOKE TO MORISOV IN NYC, TO GET THE WORDING OF SECTION THREE, PARAGRAPH SEVEN, OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT OF MAY TWENTYSIX NINETEEN TWENTYFOUR, WHICH DESCRIBES IMMUNITIES AFFORDED FOREIGN PERSONNEL.

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*This info included  
in report of Sp. Agt  
Miller dated 3/30/49 at NYC  
Sent to Whearty 3/30/49  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI      Attn: FBI Laboratory

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 23, 1949

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ReNYlet March 3, 1949 to the Bureau and Washington Field Office which enclosed for the Washington Field Office one sheet of ruled paper on which subject COPLON had written in her handwriting an order for breakfast during her temporary detention at the New York Office pending arraignment on March 5, 1949.

This letter requested that the Washington Field Office transmit this enclosure to the FBI Laboratory as a known specimen in order that it might be compared with specimens of handwriting believed to be that of Miss COPLON which were found on her person at the time of her arrest on March 4, 1949.

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The above mentioned known handwriting specimen is herewith enclosed and it is requested that both the New York and Washington Field Divisions be advised of the results of the examination.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. REMYTEL MARCH EIGHT LAST CONCERNING  
PHILIP G. PAVIA. PAVIA REPORTEDLY EMPLOYED AS SCULPTOR IN NY SCHOOL  
SYSTEM, DATE UNKNOWN. RECORDS BOARD OF EDUCATION, NYC, NEGATIVE.  
PAVIA COULD HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED ON FEDERAL PROJECT IN NY SCHOOL, IN  
WHICH CASE, RECORDS WOULD BE RETAINED FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY, ONE  
SEVEN THREE FOUR NY AVENUE NE, WASHINGTON, D.C. WFO WILL ATTEMPT  
TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND ON PAVIA THROUGH FSA AND SUTEL RESULTS.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*

FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, et al  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 23, 1949

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At 9:15 a.m. ASAC Belmont, New York, called in and stated that Mr. Donegan has confidentially advised him that it was the plan of the Department to first try the indictment against Coplon in the District of Columbia because it is the stronger of the two cases. Donegan was of the opinion that the conviction in Washington will react favorably to the government in connection with the trial to follow in New York City. *Lafflore*

Mr. Donegan also advised that consideration was being given to the assignment of Mr. John Kelley as the trial attorney for the government. Kelley is the man who handled the prosecution of Axis Sally.

ACTION:

None. This is for your information.

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*Mr. Whearty on 3/26/49 said he feels Govt will have to proceed April 1, 1949 with trial of Gubitcher & Coplon in N.Y.C. indasmuch as*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: March 24, 1949

FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
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At 5:40 p.m. tonight ASAC Belmont, New York, called and stated that Mr. Donegan had reported that today the State Department handed to the Soviet Embassy a note turning down and denying Gubitchev's claim to diplomatic immunity and setting forth that it will be necessary that he stand trial.

In view of this development, it is now the thinking of the Department that it is necessary that the New York indictments be tried ahead of the District of Columbia indictment. Mr. Ray Whearty and Mr. John Kelley are coming to New York this coming week to prepare this matter for immediate trial. When Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelley are in New York this coming week they plan to get in touch with Judith Coplon's attorney and they will point out to him that it will be the last opportunity for Coplon to cooperate with the government, that the trial will proceed so far as the government is concerned, as set.

At 4:30 p.m. today, Mr. Whearty, during the course of a phone call, told me that he and Mr. John Kelley were assigned to the trial of this case.

Action:

None. For your information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R  
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DATE: March 24, 1949

Reference is made to letter from SAC, New York to SAC, Washington Field, dated March 16, 1949, requesting the Washington Field Office to review Department of Justice records concerning [redacted]

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The personnel file of [redacted] reflects that she was born [redacted] in New York City; her residence was given as [redacted]. Her parents are [redacted] father, born in Russia and [redacted] mother, born in Vienna, Austria.

The application for employment with the Justice Department reflects that she attended Evander Childs High School, 600 East Gunhill Road, New York City from 1937 to 1941 and the Monroe Secretarial School, 1940 Boston Road, New York City from February 1941 to June 1941. No mention is made of college; however, an employee questionnaire dated October 25, 1945, indicates that she attended Hunter College for two years.

The application for employment further reflects that she was employed from June 1939 to September 1940 with the Chain Building Corporation, 391 East 149th Street, New York City and from February 1941 to May 1942 with Samuel H. Moss, Incorporated, 36 East 23rd Street, New York City.

[redacted] stated on the form that she was winner of "America's Perfect Secretary" held at New York World's Fair by the Underwood, Elliot Fischer Company and she gave the following references all in New York City:

STANLEY KATZ, 395 Riverside Drive  
HENRY BROWNER, 409 East 204th Street  
J. RAMSON, 3227 Bainbridge Avenue  
Dr. JOSEPH GOLOMB, 1874 Grand Concourse.

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

On May 22, 1942, [redacted] was appointed as Junior Stenographer with the Department of Justice in the Anti-Trust Division in New York. In August 1943 she was transferred to the War Division, Economic Warfare Section. On June 19, 1945 she was transferred to Washington, D. C. from New York City into the Alien Property Section of the War Division. On December 29, 1945 she

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was transferred to the Claims Division, Alien Property Section and was terminated from the Department of Justice at the close of business August 16, 1946, after submitting her resignation giving as a reason that she was going to be married.

The following papers were contained in the personnel file and were signed by

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An Affidavit prohibiting Government employees from striking against the United States Government. This Affidavit was dated July 17, 1946, and revealed that at that time she was on duty with the Alien Property Unit in Frankfurt, Germany.

The Oath of Office which includes a personal affidavit explaining the provisions of the Hatch Act and the United States Civil Service Declaration of Appointee.

There was no indication in the Department of Justice records that she was ever secretary to O. JOHN ROGGE.

cc: New York

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, HOUSTON  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 24, 1949

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Reference is made to the teletype from Washington Field dated March 22, 1949 captioned as above, in which the Houston Office was requested to interview Mrs. ANNIE SLOAN, 1516 Bonnie Brae Avenue, Houston, Texas, for information concerning COPLON at the time COPLON resided at Mrs. SLOAN's home at 321 Varnum Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Mrs. SLOAN was interviewed at her Houston residence on March 23, 1949, at which time she stated that she recalled JUDITH COPLON having occupied a room at her Washington home for about one month sometime in 1943 or 1944. She stated she is unable to recall the exact date COPLON occupied this room at her residence, however, she does recall that COPLON was brought to her home by a representative of the War Housing Authority in Washington. Mrs. SLOAN stated her two sons, PAUL and LEWIS, both left home for service in the United States Army in late 1942 and early 1943, and that she registered her two rooms with the War Housing Agency and as vacancies occurred she notified this agency who brought roomers to her house. She recalled COPLON told her shortly after moving to her residence that she wanted to find a small apartment and only paid rent for one month. She stated she does not recall COPLON having paid any additional rent and believes she only resided at her place for one month.

Mrs. SLOAN stated she recalled COPLON as being one of the "plainest looking" girls she had ever seen, in that she used no cosmetics and was very negligent with the care of her hair and general appearance. She also recalled that COPLON remarked shortly after moving to her house that she had just arrived in Washington from Brooklyn, New York, and that she was attending a Government School of some sort preparing herself for Government employment. Mrs. SLOAN stated COPLON appeared to be a stranger in Washington in that she asked directions regarding the most common and well known places in Washington.

Mrs. SLOAN stated she had no knowledge as to where COPLON moved when she left 321 Varnum Street, nor did she know of any acquaintances or contact of COPLONs at the time she resided at her

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Let. to Director  
3/24/49  
Re: Judith Coplon  
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home. Mrs. SLOAN believed, however, that DORIS GROFF possibly occupied a room at her residence at the same time COPLON did, in that GROFF roomed at her home for around two years, and it is possible COPLON resided with her at the same time and may be an acquaintance of GROFF. She recalled that GROFF was from Fredericksburg, Virginia, and she worked on the third floor at Lansburg's Department Store on 7th Street in Washington. Other girls residing with her that she recalls are FLORENCE PRICE, employee of the War Department, Food Stuffs Division, who was rooming with her at the time her son PAUL returned from the Army; and MARY, whose last name she cannot recall, and who was employed for sometime in President ROOSEVELT's office. She stated that MARY, FLORENCE PRICE, and DORIS GROFF lived with her longer than anyone else and for that reason remembers more concerning these three girls.

Mrs. SLOAN was unable to furnish any information concerning any individual who operated a second hand store on 7th Street. She stated she could only recall one person who owned a second hand store on 7th Street and this family, whose last name she stated was MENICK, (phonetic), operated a small second hand store in the 1700 Block on 7th Street, but from her recollection this store was small and there was no available space for roomers or tenants.

Mrs. SLOAN stated that her son, LEWIS SLOAN, was employed by the Cohen Delicatessen Store on 14th Street in Washington for several years, prior to entering the Army in January 1943, and after his discharge from the Army in January 1946 he moved to Georgia, where he lives at the present time. She stated her son PAUL SLOAN was an employee of the Civil Aeronautics Bureau in Washington from 1939 until he entered the Army in 1942, and after his release from the Army on September 19, 1945, he moved to Houston and is presently employed as a Special Agent in the Internal Revenue Bureau in Houston. She stated she moved to Houston with PAUL in 1945 and has lived here ever since.

Mrs. SLOAN stated she never saw or heard of COPLON after she moved from her home until the recent publicity concerning her arrest and indictment in New York.

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Re: Judith Coplon  
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Mr. PAUL SLOAN was interviewed and advised he is unable to add any information to that furnished by his mother, except to state that after discussing the matter with his mother that it is his opinion that COPLON must have lived at his mother's address sometime around the summer of 1944 but added that this is based more on conjecture than fact, as he had no knowledge of COPLON's residence at his mother's home until recently. Mr. SLOAN stated he is unable to furnish any information concerning anyone of his acquaintance having operated a second hand store on 7th Street or that COPLON ever resided on 7th Street. -RUC-

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI NEW HAVEN 3-25-49 7:29 P.M. WJG

DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESP. R. REURTEL MARCH TWENTY FOUR LAST. RECORDS VITAL STATISTICS, BRIDGEPORT, CT. REFLECT PHILIP D. PAVIA BORN MARCH SIXTEEN, NINETEEN ELEVEN, BRIDGEPORT, CONN. FATHER LUIGI, OCCUPATION, LABORER. MOTHER CONCHITA GALLUCCI. RESIDENCE AT TIME SHOWN AS FIFTY SEVEN LEXINGTON AVE., BRIDGEPORT. REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, BRIDGEPORT, REFLECTS PAVIA FIRST VOTED NINETEEN THIRTY TWO, GIVING OCCUPATION AS ESTIMATOR AND ADDRESS TWO THREE NAUGHT LEXINGTON AVE., BRIDGEPORT. VOTED CONSECUTIVE YEARS THIRTY TWO THROUGH FORTY SIX. NO VOTING RECORD FORTY SEVEN. VOTED FORTY EIGHT. FURNISHED ADDRESS ONE FIVE SEVEN SIX PARK AVE., BRIDGEPORT. INACTIVE ACCT. FOUR DOLLARS SIXTY ONE CENTS, BRIDGEPORT CITY TRUST CO. PAST RECORDS REFLECT ACCOUNT OPENED SEPT. TWENTY ONE, FORTY THREE CLOSED MARCH TWENTY, FORTY FIVE, REDPENED JAN. SEVEN, FORTYSIX, CLOSED MAY EIGHTEEN FORTY EIGHT. OPENED JUNE THREE, FORTY EIGHT, CURRENTLY INACTIVE. NO OTHER BANK ACCOUNT ANY BRIDGEPORT BANK. NO CREDIT OR CRIMINAL RECORD, BRIDGEPORT. BRIDGEPORT CITY DIRECTORIES FROM FORTY ONE CONSISTENTLY LIST PAVIA'S OCCUPATION AS SCULPTOR. CURRENT BUSINESS ADDRESS LISTED NYC, NO ADDRESS GIVEN. BRIDGEPORT TEL. SIX DASH TWO NAUGHT TWO EIGHT LISTED TO THOMAS SCIPPJA, ONE FIVE SEVEN EIGHT, PARK AVE., BRIDGEPORT AND BRIDGEPORT TEL. THREE DASH THREE ONE TWO ONE LISTED TO FROUGE CONSTRUCTION CO., GOODSSELL AND HURD AVES. BRIDGEPORT WHICH IS REPUTABLE BUSINESS FIRM.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
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Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

WASHINGTON AND WFO FROM NEW YORK 5 24 12-13 AM  
DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE R. RENYTELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU INSTANT  
DATE RELATIVE TO BERTRAM COPLON GOING TO WASHINGTON SATURDAY TO  
OBTAIN SUBJECT-S PERSONAL EFFECTS. BERTRAM COPLON WILL CALL SA  
THOMAS MENDENHALL, EXECUTIVE SEVEN ONE HUNDRED, EXTENSION TWO ONE  
SEVEN ONE, TEN A.M., SUNDAY MARCH TWENTY SEVENTH NEXT. BERTRAM  
COPLON VOLUNTEERED INFO TO NY OFFICE THAT JUDITH DID NOT KNOW HER  
LOCKER NUMBER AT MC LEAN GARDENS, BUT STATED IT WAS ON SAME FLOOR  
AS HER APARTMENT AND WAS DISTINGUISHED FROM OTHER LOCKERS BY A BLACK  
AND GOLD COMBINATION LOCK. WFO ADVISE SA MENDENHALL TO BE AVAILABLE  
AT ABOVE TIME TO RECEIVE CALL OF BERTRAM COPLON.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher *[initials]*  
 FROM : C. G. Stetter *[initials]*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, et al  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 26, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Special Agent Tom Mendenhall of the Washington Field Office called to advise that Judith Coplon's brother, Bertram Coplon, is to be in Washington tomorrow in order to go through his sister's effects. He stated he is to accompany Coplon to McLean Gardens in order to be present when Bertram Coplon checks over his sister's possessions and particularly through the material in her locker which has not as yet been examined. According to Mendenhall, he had received a telephone call from Coplon who stated he would like to go through his sister's effects in her former office in the Department of Justice and that arrangements have been tentatively made with Ray Whearty who was to be present when this was done. Coplon's purpose in calling Mendenhall was to determine whether he could make arrangements with Whearty so that the examination of Judith Coplon's effects at McLean Gardens and at her former office could both be done on the same day, namely Sunday, March 27. I called Ray Whearty and he indicated he would be willing to come to the office tomorrow in order to be present when Bertram Coplon goes through his sister's effects. He suggested that it would be desirable to have Special Agent Courtland Jones present when Bertram Coplon is going through Judith Coplon's property because Jones is completely familiar with the whereabouts of everything Bertram Coplon will be trying to locate.

Special Agent Kenneth Delavigne of the Washington Field Office was advised of Mr. Whearty's desire in this connection and he suggested it might be desirable to take this matter up with you. After discussing the matter with you I called Special Agent Jones and told him it would not be necessary for him to be present and that Whearty would be informed that, he, Jones would be available in the event there was any substantial assistance he could render. Jones pointed out during our conversation that there was nothing in Miss Coplon's former office which Whearty would have any difficulty in finding, and it was not believed by him that he could be of any particular assistance. Mr. Whearty will be advised that Special Agent Jones is available should he be needed but that he will not be present at the time Bertram Coplon goes through his sister's effects in the Department.

*Done 3/27/49*  
**ACTION:** None. This memorandum is submitted merely for the record.

CGS:jpa *[initials]*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation      DATE: March 28, 1949  
FROM : Alexander M. Campbell, Assistant Attorney General      AMC:RPW:DJ  
SUBJECT: United States v. Judith Coplon      146-1-317

Enclosed herewith for your information are two copies of a list of personal property of Judith Coplon which remained in Room 2220 after her suspension on March 4, 1949, and which was turned over to her brother, Bertram Coplon, in the presence of Special Agent Thomas F. Mendenhall at this building on Sunday, March 27, 1949.

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**INCLOSURE**

**No 381354**

**FROM**

**Department of Justice**

**7-849**

FOLDER MARKED "AMERICAN UNIVERSITY"

- 1) Letter dated March 17, 1947, to Ernst Posner, Dean, requesting extension of time to April to take examination previously postponed.
- 2) Four catalogues -- school, social sciences and public affairs, American University.

FOLDER MARKED "MISCELLANEOUS"

- 1) Transcript of student record, Barnard College, and two small identification photos of Judith Coplon.
- 2) Form entitled "Interview Record" dated September 13 (year not given) and initialed PBP (apparently copy of a school interview record containing checks opposite appropriate educational background items).
- 3) Departmental payroll earnings sheet (employee's copy) for period 12-29-45 to 12-4-46.
- 4) Red Cross certificate and contributor's card.

FOLDER MARKED "JOB MATTERS"

- 1) Certificate of membership -- Civil Service Retirement System.
  - (a) Two original typed but unexecuted applications for Federal employment (Form 57; undated; blue print).
  - (b) One carbon typed but unexecuted application for Federal employment (Form 57; green printing -- 1945).
  - (c) Four blank employment application forms.
- 2) Notices of periodic pay increases (Departmental forms -- employee's copy) effective 1-27-46 (3 copies); effective 2-9-47 (2 copies); effective 2-22-48 (2 copies).
- 3) Two copies notice of promotion, effective 4-4-48.
- 4) Departmental payroll earnings sheet (employee's copy) for period 1-15-45 to 12-15-45.

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- 5) Notices of efficiency rating as of 3-31-45; 12-28-45; 3-31-46; 4-1-47 and 4-1-48.
- 6) Carbon of letter dated March 29, 1948, from Coplon to Civil Service Commission requesting information concerning Civil Service examinations for position of Political Analyst, Intelligence Specialist, etc.
- 7) Departmental form memorandum to Criminal Division employees dated February 25, 1949, regarding leave credits, showing 44 hours' annual leave and 154 hours' sick leave (Coplon).
- 8) Personally written note from the Attorney General addressed "Dear Miss Judith," dated May 14 (1948), congratulating her upon advance to P-3 classification.
- 9) One blank letter-size sheet on which was clipped a status notation as to salary, etc., (apparently a self-typed copy from a payroll earnings sheet).
- 10) Five carbon copies of a notation of education and job backgrounds of Judith Coplon. (this was prepared by Miss Coplon for Mr. Whearty at the time he initiated efforts to secure her promotion from P-2 to P-3).
- 11) Departmental form memorandum to Criminal Division employees dated April 25, 1947, regarding leave credits.
- 12) Payroll change slip dated March 17, 1947 (Departmental form, employee's copy).

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 28, 1949

Mr. RAYMOND WHEARTY of the Department has indicated to the Washington Field Office that photographs of the arrangement of file cabinets and material in Room 2220 of the Department of Justice Building would be helpful to him in trying the above captioned case.

Inasmuch as these photographs are to be used in Court during the trial, it is believed that they should be of professional quality.

It is requested that the services of a Bureau photographer be made available to the Washington Field Office for the purpose of taking and preparing these photographs.

*Arrangements were made for this with  
Delavigne & Rennsberger on 3/29/49  
BFL.*

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Signed statement of Harold Paul Shapiro  
dated March 22, 1949, regarding Judith Coplon

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BEST COPY AVAILABLE

Washington, D. C.  
March 27, 1947

I, Walter Hall Payne, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents W. C. Bennett and W. Dudley Payne, who have advised me that I am not under any special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after having been told that I am to make any such statement and that this statement may be used against me in a Court of Law.

On Monday, December 31, 1946, I first had intercourse with Smith Ogden in the apartment of a friend of mine in Washington, D. C. Ogden is now this friend as he does not know Smith Ogden and I do not know Ogden. I know, however, that he is in the city on this particular occasion. Charles Payne, in the early part of January, 1947, Smith and I drove to Baltimore, Maryland, in my car after work one day. I will not tell Ogden or anyone else this but I know that it was I. He always stayed at the Hotel Hotel where I registered for Smith and myself as W. C. Bennett and W. Dudley Payne of Baltimore, Maryland. I do not know Ogden in the 1941 year.

On the following day we checked out of the Hotel and drove to Philadelphia where we stayed overnight at the Hotel Hotel. I also registered at this hotel as W. C. Bennett and W. Dudley Payne. On the following morning, Smith, we returned in my automobile to Washington, D. C.

Since the trip to Baltimore and Philadelphia I have had sexual relations with Smith Ogden in my apartment, 1946 Street, Washington, D. C. The above referred to trip to Baltimore and Philadelphia is the only occasion when I have had sexual relations with Smith Ogden in Washington, D. C.

W. Hall Payne

(Signature of W. Hall Payne)

I have read the foregoing statement  
and I have signed it to be a true  
and correct statement.

W. Hall Payne

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field  
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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DATE: March 22, 1949

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This is to advise that on the morning of March 21, 1949, Mr. HAROLD SHAPIRO telephonically communicated with Special Agent H. DUDLEY PAYNE of this office, stating that the Department had indicated that he was uncooperative by failing to sign a statement reflecting his relations with the subject. In view of the above, he stated he would like to sign the statement admitting his actions. He was given that opportunity, and his signed statement is being submitted herewith.

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Mr. Peyton Ford  
The Assistant to the Attorney General  
Director, FBI

March 28, 1949

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BY SPECIAL DELIVERY

JUDITH COPSON, WAS.  
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In connection with the above matter, I furnished to you a memorandum dated March 16, 1949, concerning Harold Paul Shapiro an attorney in the Criminal Division. A partially completed signed statement was set forth in that memorandum dated March 14, 1949, which Mr. Shapiro had declined to have completed and which he refused to sign. On the morning of March 21, 1949, Mr. Shapiro telephonically contacted an agent of our Washington Field Office stating that officials of your Department had indicated that he was uncooperative by failing to sign the statement and he stated he would like to sign the statement admitting his actions. He was given that opportunity and two copies of the signed statement are being submitted herewith.

Attachment

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*[Handwritten signature]*

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, New York  
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 29, 1949

Reference is made to the report of SA T. SCOTT MILLER, New York, March 28, 1949.

Mr. S. FRANKLIN SPIRA, owner of both the DEVELOPIX COMPANY and the SPIRATONE FINE GRAIN LABORATORIES, 32-34 Steinway Street, Long Island City, New York, (photographic developing and supply concerns) advised from his records that he had received an order of film for processing from subject on August 21, 1948, and shipped same to her address at 3685-38th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. It was determined that she used a 35 mm. camera and had Matt enlargements.

Efforts to determine the contents of said films were negative inasmuch as no such records are maintained by the trade.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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DIRECTOR URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R. NYT FIVE ONE TWO ADVISED THAT THE FATHER OF THE SUBJECT DIED TONIGHT, BEING FURNISHED TO BUREAU IN VIEW OF POSSIBLY PUBLICITY.

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cc - Mr. Fletcher

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. *Don*

DATE: March 29, 1949

FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HB*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
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Mr. Gurnea	
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Mr. Nease	
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Miss Gandy	

Mr. Ray Whearty called me at 12 noon today and stated that due to the death of Coplon's father the trial would not be held this coming Friday, April 1. I was in a conference and Mr. Whearty indicated he was rushed on another matter. He stated he would furnish me details this afternoon sometime.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 30, 1949

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Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Gurnea.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Mohr.....
Mr. Pennington.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

On this date, Special Agent H. DUDLEY PAYNE of this office contacted Mr. RAY WHEARTY at Mr. WHEARTY's request, for the purpose of advising Agent PAYNE that he had requested SHAPIRO to sign the statement [redacted]. Mr. WHEARTY stated that he had been directed by Mr. PEYTON FORD to have SHAPIRO sign this statement.

While discussing this matter with Mr. WHEARTY, he mentioned that [redacted] had contacted him to ascertain what he could concerning the COPLON case. Mr. WHEARTY stated that the only things which he told [redacted] were:

- Valentine
1. That neither ~~GUBITCHEV~~ or COPLON had talked;
  2. That one of the documents which COPLON had on her at the time of her arrest indicated that one of her acquaintances had known her as a Communist; and
  3. That apparently she was receiving some remuneration for giving this information to the Russians as GUBITCHEV had some money on him which it is believed was intended for COPLON.

The above information is being transmitted to the Bureau inasmuch as [redacted] is being actively investigated by this office, including technical and physical surveillance.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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VALENTIN A. GUBITCHEV, ESPIONAGE - R. INQUIRY AT UNITED NATIONS  
REVEALS THAT THERE HAS BEEN A STOP PLACED ON SUBJECT-S PERSONNEL  
FILE BY BYRON PRICE, ASST SECRETARY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINIS-  
TRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, U.N. BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO  
CONTACT PRICE RE THE OBTAINING OF ACCESS TO SUBJECT-S PERSONNEL FILE.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS

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Transmit the following message to: MARCH 29, 1949

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SAC, NEW YORK

VALENTIN A. GUBITCHEV, ESPIONAGE R. REURTEL MARCH TWENTYFIVE LAST AND YOUR LETTER OF THE SAME DATE ENCLOSING LETTER OF TRYGVIE LIE TO WARREN AUSTIN DATED MARCH TWENTYTWO LAST, WHICH SETS FORTH DATA CONCERNING GUBITCHEV AND THE OATH TAKEN BY HIM. A COPY OF THE SAME LETTER HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE BUREAU BY STATE DEPARTMENT, AND THEY ADVISE THEY ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO OBTAIN ACTUAL OATH AT THIS TIME. IT IS NOT THOUGHT ADVISABLE FOR YOU TO CONTACT BYRON PRICE REGARDING GUBITCHEV'S PERSONNEL FILE.

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RJL:ofm

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*Don*

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
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Per *[Signature]*

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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COPLON employed as Political Analyst, Foreign Agents Registration Section, U. S. Department of Justice. GUBITCHEV employed as Engineer XIII, Headquarters Planning Office, Department of Administrative and Financial Services, UN, 405 E. 42nd St., NYC. COPLON and GUBITCHEV held clandestine meetings 1/14/49, 2/18/49 and 3/3/49. Subjects apprehended 3/4/49. COPLON had in her possession information concerning FBI reports.. Complaint filed charging subjects with violation Sections 371, 793, 794 and 2071, Title 18, USC. Subjects arraigned 3/5/49. Held in default of bail (COPLON, \$20,000; GUBITCHEV, \$100,000.)

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DETAILS: AT NEW YORK, NEW YORKBACKGROUND OF JUDITH COPLON

JUDITH COPLON was born May 17, 1921, at Brooklyn, New York. Her father is SAMUEL M. COPLON, born in Troy, New York, and her mother is REBECCA COPLON, born in Albany, New York. COPLON attended Public Schools in Brooklyn, New York, and entered Barnard College, New York City, in September, 1939. She graduated from Barnard in June, 1943, receiving an A. B. Degree, majoring in History. While at the college, she was on the staff of the college paper "The Barnard Bulletin."

On July 1, 1943, COPLON was appointed an Expert in the Economic Warfare Section, United States Department of Justice, New York City. On January 16, 1945, she was transferred to the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., as a Political Analyst, such transfer being effective February 16, 1945.

COPLON'S parents reside at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. COPLON resides in MacLean Gardens, Washington, D. C. Her brother, BERTAM COPLON, resides in New York City and operates the company S. H. COPLON & SON, a manufacturer's representative, which business was started by SAMUEL M. COPLON, now retired.

BACKGROUND OF VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV

VALENTINE ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV, with aliases, was born June 24, 1916, at Orel, U.S.S.R. He married his wife, [REDACTED] in Leningrad, at Leningrad in 1933 and they have one daughter, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at Leningrad, U.S.S.R. VALENTINE GUBITCHEV enrolled in the Leningrad Institute for Civil Engineering in 1934 and graduated therefrom in 1940. From 1940 to 1944, he worked as a Construction Engineer, building both housing projects and factories for the U.S.S.R. throughout the Ural Region of Russia. He explained that all "qualified men" were exempt from U.S.S.R. military service during World War II. In 1944, GUBITCHEV went to Moscow in order to continue his education. He enrolled at the Moscow Civil

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Construction Engineering School, which he attended until the middle of 1945. At that time, he was selected by the Personnel Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for duty in the Diplomatic Service. He was first assigned to clerical duties at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Moscow. In the early part of 1946, he was made a Third Secretary in the U.S.S.R. Diplomatic Service and later accepted employment as an Engineer with the United Nations. He, together with his wife, [REDACTED] arrived at the Port of New York as passengers aboard the SS WASHINGTON on July 20, 1946. He was travelling on a diplomatic passport and a United States diplomatic visa issued by the American Embassy, Moscow, U.S.S.R., on June 20, 1946. His wife, [REDACTED] were travelling on a diplomatic visa issued by the American Embassy, Moscow, June 21, 1946.

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According to the "New York Times," dated March 6, 1949, GUBITCHEV signed an oath required of all Secretariat members on September 26, 1946. According to the Year Book of the United Nations for 1946 and 1947, the following is the official oath reportedly taken by GUBITCHEV:

"I solemnly (undertake, affirm, promise) to exercise in all loyalty, discretion and conscience the functions entrusted to me as a member of the International Service of the United Nations, to discharge those functions and regulate my conduct with the interests of the United Nations only in view, and not to seek or accept instructions in regard to the performance of my duties from any government or other authority external to the organization."

At the time of GUBITCHEV'S arrest, he was residing at 64 West 108th Street, New York City, and was assigned by the United Nations as an Engineer XIII to the Administrative and Financial Services, Headquarters Planning Office, 405 East 42nd Street, New York City. His salary was reported to be \$6,600.00. On March 5, 1949, MR. TRYGVE LIE, United Nations Secretary General of the United Nations, suspended GUBITCHEV, relieving him of his official duties as an employee of the Secretariat, pending disposition of the charges against him.

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PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCES CONDUCTEDJanuary 14, 1949:

On the above date, the New York Office received information that JUDITH COPLON was scheduled to arrive in New York City at 4:45 p.m. on the Pennsylvania Railroad. Immediate measures were taken to cover her activities in New York City by physical surveillance.

At 4:50 p.m., Train #176, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, arrived at Pennsylvania Station, at which time JUDITH COPLON was identified by Special Agents DUDLEY PAYNE and THOMAS MENDENHALL, of the Washington Field Office, to the following Special Agents of the New York Office: T. SCOTT MILLER, JR.; ROGER W. ROBINSON; JOHN F. MALLEY, JR.; RICHARD T. BRADSKY; RICHARD E. BRENNAN and DANIEL F. GARDE.

COPLON proceeded immediately to the ladies' room on the main level of Pennsylvania Station and remained there from approximately 5:00 p.m. until 5:40 p.m. At this last time, she left and was followed by the above-named New York Agents, with the exception of Agent MALLEY. COPLON purchased a "New York Star" newspaper and proceeded to the lower level of Pennsylvania Station, where she entered the Doubleday Bookstore at 5:44 p.m. She remained there approximately ten minutes, walked across the arcade to the Station Drugstore, where she sat at the counter and ordered something. At 6:02 p.m., COPLON left the drugstore and went to the IRT Subway Station, where she boarded an Uptown Seventh Avenue Broadway Express. At 6:40 p.m., she left the subway train at the 191st Street stop. She took the elevator to the street level and upon emerging from the station turned north on St. Nicholas Avenue and walked to Wadsworth Avenue. There, she turned left and followed Wadsworth Avenue around in a curve to the intersection of 192nd Street, then east on 192nd Street and back to St. Nicholas Avenue, thereby circling the irregularly-shaped block between these streets. She then walked south on St. Nicholas Avenue to 190th Street, where she crossed St. Nicholas Avenue and entered the drugstore on the northeast corner of that intersection. After remaining there a short period of time, she left and walked west on 190th Street to Wadsworth Terrace, turned right and walked north to

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Fairview Avenue. COPLON then turned left and walked down the dimly-lighted, winding hill on Fairview Avenue to Broadway. She then turned right (or north) and walked one block to 193 Street, where she stopped and waited on the northeast corner of the intersection of Broadway and 193 Street. She stood there for approximately ten minutes.

At approximately 7:12 p.m., COPLON was met by a man, who was not known to any of the Agents present, who came from a southerly direction on Broadway. After a brief greeting, they walked together in a northerly direction along Broadway to Nagle Avenue; then along Nagle Avenue to Dyckman Street; then left, or west, on Dyckman Street. The two then proceeded to the Deluxe Restaurant, an Italian restaurant, located at 143 Dyckman Street, New York City. They were observed to sit in a booth on the west side of the restaurant.

At approximately 7:45 p.m., Agent MILLER entered the restaurant and sat in a booth on the opposite side of the restaurant. During this time the two were observed in conversation and it was noted that the man was eating. COPLON was putting nickels in the music box attached to the wall in the booth.

At 8:15 p.m., the two got up, the man paid the check, and they left the restaurant together. The Agents on duty outside the restaurant at that time were Agents BRADSKY, GARDE, MALLEY, ROBINSON and BRENNAN. Agent MILLER did not attempt to leave the restaurant immediately after COPLON and the man.

The two walked west on Dyckman Street to Sherman Avenue, then left on Sherman to Broadway. They then walked south on Broadway, during which time the Agents observed that COPLON was engaged in animated conversation with the man and stopped on several occasions to gesticulate vehemently with a rolled-up newspaper. They crossed to the west side of Broadway and walked along the park edge to the south end of Fort Tryon Park on Broadway, where they stood on the corner for several minutes. The two then walked up to and entered the tunneled footwalk entrance to the 190th Street--Overlook Terrace stop of the Independent Subway. This subway entrance is across the street from Broadway from their point

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of original contact at 193 Street and Broadway.

From approximately the time that the two entered the subway station, the three Agents who were on the surveillance were Agents MALLEY, HRADSKY and BRENNAN.

The two boarded a Downtown Express Train and sat on the train together, conversing until the train reached the 125th Street stop of the station. Just before the doors closed, the man hurriedly left COPLON on the train, ran across the platform and boarded a waiting Downtown Local Train. The surveillance of COPLON was discontinued in order to surveil the man. The man stayed on the local train until the next stop, which was 116th Street. He got off the train, walked upstairs and proceeded to walk south on Eighth Avenue from 116th Street. He hailed a taxicab bearing New York State tags (1948) 035-652, which he entered and which was driven to 116th Street and Broadway. At this point, the man was observed to get out of the cab and go down the subway entrance there. By the time the agents got in the station, a southbound train was just pulling away and the man was not observed on the platform.

It should be pointed out that the area described above through which COPLON walked from the 191st Street stop of the IRT Subway to 190 Street on Broadway was a very dimly-lighted, residential section of Upper Manhattan and was almost totally deserted.

January 15, 1949:

On the above date, Agents MALLEY and BRENNAN instituted a surveillance in the vicinity of 680 Park Avenue, New York City, which is the building occupied by the U.S.S.R. Delegation to the United Nations. (S) (U)

Shortly after 10:00 a.m., the two Agents observed the man they had seen on the previous evening, as described above, enter the building at 680 Park Avenue. Agents ROBINSON and HRADSKY were immediately sent to join Agents BRENNAN and MALLEY. At 11:35 a.m., this same man (S) (U)

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left 680 Park Avenue and went to 64 West 108th Street, New York City. ~~(S)~~

During this time, Agent MILLER was examining photographs of Russian Nationals in the United States and picked out a picture of VALENTINE ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV. ~~(S)~~

All of the six New York Agents mentioned above, who participated in the surveillance of COPLON on January 14, 1949, can definitely identify the man COPLON contacted on January 14, 1949, as VALENTINE ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV.

February 18, 1949:

On the above date, the New York Office was notified that COPLON again intended spending the week-end in New York, and arrangements were made to cover her activities. The information was that she was to arrive in New York City at 6:00 p.m. on the Pennsylvania Railroad. This train was late and finally arrived at 6:35 p.m. COPLON was observed to get off the train, run up the stairs, during which time she broke the strap on her shoe, and then proceeded to a bank of steel lockers, where she checked her suitcase in Locker No. 1207. At this time, she was being surveilled by Special Agents T. SCOTT MILLER, JR., THOMAS J. MC ANDREWS, ROGER W. ROBINSON, MARTIN F. CALEY, ROBERT J. WIRTH, RAYMOND P. WIRTH and Chief Clerk SAPHO MANOS.

After checking her bag, COPLON hurried to the Eighth Avenue Independent Subway Station in Pennsylvania Station, where she caught an Uptown Express Train just as the doors were closing. Agents MILLER, MC ANDREWS, ROBINSON and Chief Clerk MANOS were successful in getting on the train. The car was very crowded and Agent MILLER was immediately behind COPLON. Immediately after the train started, COPLON opened her purse and began adjusting some articles in it, at which time Agent MILLER noted that in one of the compartments of the purse, by itself, was a folded piece of onion skin paper, or possibly two sheets. Typewriting could be observed through the paper. At 7:10 p.m., COPLON left the train

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at the 190th Street—Overlook Terrace stop. She took the elevator to the surface, being surveilled by Agents MILLER, MC ANDREWS and Miss MANOS. She left the building housing the subway station and entered a deserted park, at which time Agent MILLER dropped off the surveillance.

In the park, COPLON seemed very excited and asked Agent MC ANDREWS and Miss MANOS how she could get to Broadway. She was advised that Miss MANOS and Agent MC ANDREWS were also looking for Broadway and were lost, to which COPLON said, "Oh, God!" She then retraced her steps to the building housing the subway station to seek the proper route from the subway clerk. After talking with him, she caught the elevator down to the track level and left the station through a tunnel leading to Bennett Avenue, which runs parallel with Broadway, one block west. As soon as she arrived at Broadway and 192nd Street, Agent MC ANDREWS and Miss MANOS dropped off the surveillance.

Agents MILLER and ROBINSON observed COPLON when she arrived at the corner of 192nd Street and Broadway, which was at approximately 7:17 p.m.

Agent MALLEY had informed Agents ROBINSON and MILLER a few moments prior to this time that he had observed GUBITCHEV near the intersection of Broadway and Nagle Avenue, which will be described subsequently.

Upon arriving at the corner of 192nd Street and Broadway, COPLON crossed to the east side of Broadway and walked north across 193rd Street and stopped at that intersection in front of a small store. She stood on this corner for a minute or so, then walked about ten yards north, turned around and walked south across 193rd Street about sixty yards. She then walked back north almost to the corner of 193rd Street and Broadway, turned around and again went south about twenty yards and entered a shoe repair shop. She remained there about ten minutes, came out, walked south to some steps leading to an apartment house, stood there for several seconds,

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then walked north again almost to the corner of 193rd Street. There she hesitated a moment, stepped back one step, looked around and then continued to the corner, turning east on 193rd Street. She began walking up the hill and turned to the right out of sight. All the time COPLON was walking around the vicinity of 193rd Street and Broadway, she appeared to be looking for someone in an anxious and very nervous manner.

The above activity was observed by Agents MILLER, ROBINSON and HALEY.

The following activity was observed by Agents ROBINSON and MILLER:

At approximately 7:58 p.m., COPLON was observed walking north on the west side of Broadway approaching 192nd Street. She crossed over the sidewalk to the curb, the light being red against Broadway traffic. She began walking diagonally across Broadway in a northeasterly direction. At this moment, a man, known to the Agents as VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV, was observed walking north on the east side of Broadway. He was first observed at about the same spot, but across the street, where COPLON was first spotted, as described above. GUBITCHEV continued walking north and at about 8:00 p.m. pulled alongside of COPLON, who had just reached the sidewalk on the east side of Broadway. COPLON was observed adjusting articles in her purse just as she stepped on the sidewalk. She turned her head to the right toward him and he walked over toward her and pulled alongside, the two continuing to walk. GUBITCHEV leaned over toward her and said a few words and at the same time extended his hand in front of her. This contact, from the time GUBITCHEV began walking immediately alongside COPLON until the time they separated, lasted no more than five seconds. COPLON continued walking north, GUBITCHEV stopped, turned left and stood on the curb facing west. After a couple of seconds, he stepped off the curb and stood behind a parked automobile. He then crossed Broadway, walked west on 192nd Street to Bennett Avenue, and then turned north to Bennett Avenue to the entrance of the 190th Street--Overlook Terrace stop of the Independent Subway, which he entered at 8:12 p.m. Agent

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MALLEY had joined Agents MILLER and ROBINSON a few moments after the separation of COPLON and GUBITCHEV. About eight minutes after GUBITCHEV entered the subway, Agent MALLEY entered the subway and surveilled him to 64 West 108th Street, where he resides. He arrived there at 8:45 p.m.

Agents RAYMOND P. WIRTH, ROBERT J. WIRTH and MARTIN F. CAREY observed COPLON remove her bag from Locker No. 1207 at Pennsylvania Station at approximately 9:01 p.m. She went to the Independent Subway Station, where she boarded a Downtown Express Train. The Agents continued the surveillance to the High Street stop in Brooklyn, at which time the surveillance was discontinued.

As stated above, Agent MALLEY, who was in an automobile in the vicinity of 193rd Street and Broadway, observed GUBITCHEV at 7:05 p.m. walking north on Broadway just above 193rd Street. He crossed Broadway and boarded a southbound bus at 7:08 p.m.

Agent MALLEY continued surveilling the bus until 7:13 p.m., at which time Agent HRADSKY, accompanied by SA WILLIAM A. KOLAR in another Bureau automobile, recognized GUBITCHEV on the bus. At this time, Agent MALLEY dropped off the surveillance.

GUBITCHEV got off the bus at 166th Street and Broadway and walked back to 168th Street, where he stood at the northbound Broadway bus stop. He then walked to the IRT Subway entrance and entered it. He immediately returned to the sidewalk level after descending the stairs a short distance and returned to the bus stop. At 7:35 p.m., GUBITCHEV crossed Broadway at 168th Street and entered the IRT subway entrance, at which time Agents HRADSKY and KOLAR discontinued the surveillance.

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The following is a detailed account of the physical surveillance maintained on JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV on March 4, 1949. It is set forth in narrative form in order not to break the continuity of the activities engaged in by the two Subjects. Following this narrative of the activities of COPLON and GUBITCHEV, the detailed physical surveillance logs of the Agents will be set forth reflecting the exact information to which each Agent is able to testify.

The times noted for the particular actions of COPLON and GUBITCHEV are very close approximates.

- 5:35 p.m. JUDITH COPLON was observed to arrive at the Pennsylvania Station via Pennsylvania Railroad on train arriving on Track #11. She then left the track level by the escalator.
- 5:37 p.m. COPLON proceeded to lockers near SAVARIN CAFE on lower level of Pennsylvania Station, and checked a red vanity-sized case, in Locker #1035. Special Agents Thomas Mendenhall and Dudley Payne of the Washington Field Office who had surveilled COPLON from Washington, D. C. to New York City, discontinued their surveillance of COPLON after she had checked her bag. COPLON was wearing a black cloth coat, had a grey, figured bandana on her head, and carried a black pocketbook with gold trim. After checking her bag, COPLON walked upstairs, through the men's waiting room and to the main lobby of the Pennsylvania Station. COPLON then took the escalator upstairs and proceeded through the arcade to 7th Avenue. COPLON walked north on the west side of 7th Avenue to the north west corner of 34th Street and 7th Avenue, crossing to the east side of 7th Avenue, and then proceeded north to 37th Street. She turned and retraced her steps to WEITZMAN'S BAR, 491 7th Avenue, located between 36th and 37th Streets, entering at approximately 5:45 p.m., and was observed sitting at the bar.

During the course of the above travel by COPLON, she had frequently glanced back over her shoulder and had stopped once and looked around.

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- 5:55 p. m. COPLON left the restaurant, crossing to the west side of 7th Avenue and 37th Street and walked north to 42nd Street. She then walked west along the south side of 42nd Street to 8th Avenue. She crossed 8th Avenue and entered the 8th Avenue Subway on the south east corner of 42nd Street and 8th Avenue. It was noted COPLON stopped occasionally to window-shop, but did not again look back after leaving WEITZMAN'S BAR.
- 6:10 p.m. COPLON, while in the subway, first walked toward the downtown turnstile, but then turned around and walked back to the uptown turnstile. She stopped a man and appeared to ask him a question. She then entered the uptown turnstile and boarded a north-bound "A" train.
- 6:32 p.m. COPLON left the "A" train at the 181st Street stop of the 8th Avenue Subway. She then walked to the upper level of the subway station and walked south toward the 181st Street exit for a distance of about 50 feet. She then turned around and walked north toward the northern exit from the subway, which exit comes out at 184th Street. She turned once to look back as she neared the end of the platform and then left the subway. It is noted COPLON was the only person to leave the subway by the exit to the north, and there were no other people on that end of the platform.
- The surveillance of COPLON was discontinued at this point.
- 6:48 p.m. COPLON was next observed walking north on the west side of Broadway in the vicinity of West 187th Street. She continued walking north on Broadway.
- 6:53 p.m. COPLON entered a small luncheonette on the west side of Broadway at 4451 Broadway between 190th Street and 192nd Street.
- 6:57 p.m. COPLON left the luncheonette and walked north on the west side of Broadway to West 192nd Street, where she crossed to the east side of Broadway and continued walking north.
- 7:01 p.m. COPLON reached the corner of West 193rd Street and Broadway and there stood on the south east corner in front of a drug

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store. She remained standing at this location for about 7 minutes, glancing around the vicinity, apparently waiting for someone.

- 7:07 p.m. COPLON left the corner and started walking south on the east side of Broadway. She halted momentarily on two occasions, stopped for a moment, and appeared to be looking in the window of a restaurant approximately across the street from the intersection of 192nd Street and then continued walking south on Broadway almost to Fairview Avenue, where she turned around and again walked north on Broadway.
- 7:15 p.m. COPLON was observed in the vicinity of West 193rd Street and Broadway. She crossed the 193rd Street intersection and walked about 30 or 40 feet on Broadway beyond this intersection, and then turned around and walked back to the north east corner of Broadway and 193rd Street, where she entered a cigar and candy store at 7:18 p.m.
- 4:50 p.m. [A physical surveillance of VALENTINE GUBITCHEV at his place of employment, the United Nations, 405 East 42nd Street, had previously been instituted.] At 4:50 p.m., GUBITCHEV was ~~(S)~~ (U) observed at the intersection of 42nd Street and 1st Avenue, walking west from the above address. He was accompanied by an unidentified man. The two walked west on the north side of 42nd Street to the north west corner of Lexington Avenue and 42nd Street. They stood on the corner at that location for a few minutes and then separated at 5:05 p.m. It was necessary to drop the surveillance of GUBITCHEV due to the fact that he was glancing around, and appeared to be checking for a surveillance.
- 7:20 p.m. VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV was observed leaving the 191st Street I.R.T. Subway Station via the tunnel to Broadway at 190th Street.
- 7:24 p.m. GUBITCHEV was observed walking north on the east side of Broadway in the vicinity of 192nd Street. He continued walking north on Broadway to the south east corner of Broadway and West 193rd Street, where he entered a drug store at 7:25.
- 7:26 p.m. GUBITCHEV left the drug store almost immediately after entering, unwrapping what appeared to be a package of Life Savers, or a similarly-sized item. He stopped momentarily, glanced around

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the vicinity, and then started walking south on the east side of Broadway. At a point approximately opposite the 192nd Street intersection, he hesitated momentarily at the curb and then crossed the north west corner of Broadway and 192nd Street, where he stopped at a bus stop at 7:27.

It is noted COPLON was still in the cigar store on the north west corner of 193rd Street and Broadway while GUBITCHEV was in the area.

- 7:28 p.m. COPLON left the cigar store, glanced around the vicinity, crossed 193rd Street and continued walking south on the east side of Broadway, at which time GUBITCHEV remained at 192nd Street on the west side of Broadway. It is not known whether either of the Subjects saw each other at this time; however, there is no indication that they did see one another.
- 7:30 p.m. COPLON was observed in the vicinity of 191st Street, continuing south on the east side of Broadway to 181st Street where she crossed to the west side and entered Bickford's Restaurant on the south west corner of 181st Street and Broadway, entering at 7:41 p.m. She went to the rear of the restaurant behind a partition.
- 7:42 p.m. GUBITCHEV had continued to wait on the north west corner of 192nd Street and Broadway at a bus stop since 7:27 p.m. He had let two buses go by, and at 7:36 p.m., had moved out of sight momentarily. At 7:40, however, he was back at the bus stop on the same corner.
- 7:45 p.m. COPLON left Bickford's Restaurant, and began walking north on the west side of Broadway.
- 7:45 p.m. A south-bound bus stopped at the north west corner of 192nd Street and Broadway, and GUBITCHEV was seen approaching the front door of the bus. He apparently boarded the bus, as no one remained at the bus stop after the bus had departed.
- 7:48 p.m. GUBITCHEV was seen leaving the Broadway bus at 187th Street, which is just one stop from 192nd Street. He started walking south on the west side of Broadway, and at this same time, COPLON was walking north on the same side of the street.

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- 7:52 p.m. COPLON passed VALENTINE GUBITCHEV between 185th Street and 186th Street on the west side of Broadway. He was then walking south, and she was walking north at this point. He stopped, but COPLON brushed by and threw her head back towards him over her shoulder, but did not slacken her pace. He appeared surprised that she did not stop. He waited a minute or two and then followed her walking north.
- 7:57 p.m. GUBITCHEV overtook COPLON from the rear, just north of 189th Street on the west side of Broadway. He altered his pace to hers and walked on her right side for a distance of about 5 or 6 paces. Nothing was observed to pass between them at this point.
- 7:58 p.m. GUBITCHEV then increased his pace and drew ahead of COPLON, and veered to the curb-side of the sidewalk. COPLON fell behind and drew to the inside of the sidewalk. Both were still going in the same northerly direction. At 190th Street, GUBITCHEV continued north on Broadway alone. COPLON turned west on to 190th Street and walked up the hill along the south side of the street.
- 7:59 p.m. COPLON doubled back to Broadway, still on the south side of 190th Street. She crossed Broadway and entered the I.R.T. Tunnel at 190th Street and Broadway at 8:01 p.m.
- 8:01 p.m. GUBITCHEV was observed walking north on the east side of Broadway in the vicinity of 192nd Street. He continued to the corner of Broadway and Nagle Avenue, turned right on Nagle, and walked north east on the east side of Nagle. He crossed Nagle Avenue and proceeded west on Ellwood to the south east corner of Broadway and Ellwood, at which point there is a bus stop. He was last observed at 8:08 p.m. at this location, and is believed to have caught a north-bound bus.
- 8:01 p.m. COPLON, as stated, entered the I.R.T. Subway Tunnel, which she took to the 191st Street and St. Nicholas Avenue stop of the I.R.T.
- 8:10 p.m. COPLON boarded a downtown I.R.T. Subway Train, which she left at 42nd Street and 7th Avenue or the Times Square stop, at 8:34 p.m.

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- 8:37 p.m. COPLON left the subway and stood on the north east corner of 7th Avenue and 42nd Street next to a United Cigar Store; where she appeared to be waiting for someone.
- 8:38 p.m. COPLON was observed sauntering north on 7th Avenue to a point near 43rd Street, where she doubled back on the same side of the street, returning to her original position at 7th Avenue and 42nd Street, about two minutes later.
- 8:45 p.m. COPLON was observed walking west on 42nd Street from 7th Avenue at a moderate pace, followed by VALENTINE GUBITCHEV. GUBITCHEV was first seen near the I.R.T. Subway exit on 42nd Street just west of 7th Avenue, and was about 15 feet directly behind COPLON, and appeared to be checking her for a surveillance.
- 8:50 p.m. GUBITCHEV passed COPLON as they neared the corner of 9th Avenue and 42nd Street. After passing under the Hotel Holland marquee, GUBITCHEV began running for a waiting south-bound 9th Avenue bus, which he boarded at about 8:53 p.m. COPLON, upon seeing GUBITCHEV running for the bus, did likewise, and boarded the same bus immediately behind GUBITCHEV. This was Bus No. 89.
- 9:01 p.m. Bus 89 was observed proceeding south on 9th Avenue, at about 22nd Street.
- 9:03 p.m. VALENTINE GUBITCHEV was observed sitting on the right side of Bus No. 89 in a seat just to the rear of the side exit door, which is located toward the rear of the bus. JUDITH COPLON was observed seated on the left side of the bus across the aisle and several seats forward of GUBITCHEV. She was located at approximately the middle of the bus, and was facing forward. The bus was largely unoccupied, with no more than one-half dozen passengers.
- 9:04 p.m. GUBITCHEV and COPLON left Bus No. 89 at the north west corner of 9th Avenue and 14th Street. The two stood on the corner for a few minutes, and then crossed 14th Street to the south west corner of 14th Street and 9th Avenue. They then stood together on the corner for several moments, looking about in all directions. The neighborhood was very quiet, and the sidewalks in the vicinity almost deserted. GUBITCHEV and

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COPLON then crossed 9th Avenue to the south east corner of 14th Street and Hudson Street, the latter street being a diagonal extension of 9th Avenue, south of this five-street intersection. GUBITCHEV and COPLON stood together on this corner for several moments, glancing all around the area before proceeding east toward 8th Avenue on the south side of 14th Street. After proceeding approximately 10 paces east, they stopped and looked about in various directions for several moments. They then continued east on 14th Street toward 8th Avenue.

- 9:08 p.m. GUBITCHEV and COPLON entered the subway at the south east corner of 8th Avenue and 14th Street, and took the B.M.T. Subway train "Canarsie Line". They were the first persons to enter the subway train. The train did not leave the station for about 8 minutes.
- 9:15 p.m. The train left the station at 8th Avenue, east-bound. At the Union Square stop, COPLON and GUBITCHEV were observed occupying separate seats, facing in different directions in the subway car.
- 9:22 p.m. GUBITCHEV and COPLON then left the subway train at the 3rd Avenue stop of the B.M.T. "Canarsie Line" and appeared to time their exit to coincide with the closing of the doors inasmuch as they stepped out of the car just as the subway doors were closing. The surveillance was discontinued at this point.
- 9:34 p.m. COPLON and GUBITCHEV were observed together, conversing, at the corner of 15th Street and 3rd Avenue on the east side of 3rd Avenue. They were walking north on the east side of 3rd Avenue to the middle of the block between 15th and 16th Streets.
- 9:36 p.m. COPLON and GUBITCHEV were placed under arrest by Special Agent in Charge Edward Scheidt, and Supervisor Robert R. Granville.

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Set forth below are the detailed physical surveillance logs of Agents participating in the surveillance of JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV, reflecting the exact information to which each Agent is able to testify:

Physical Surveillance of Judith Coplon  
by SA John F. Malley, March 4, 1949:

5:35 PM Coplon observed at Penn Station leaving track 11 via escalator at train level under surveillance of Agents Mendenhall and Paine of Washington Field Office.

5:37 PM Coplon proceeded to lockers near Savarin Cafe on lower level of Penn Station and placed bag in locker. Agents Mendenhall and Paine dropped off the surveillance at this point. Bag was vanity case size. Coplon then walked up stairs, through waiting room, up escalator and through arcade to 7th Avenue. She walked north along west side of 7th Avenue to 34th Street, crossed to east side of 7th Avenue and north to 37th Street. She turned and retraced her steps to Weitzman's Bar, four or five doors south of 37th Street at 491 7th Avenue.

5:46 PM Coplon entered Weitzman's Bar where she was observed sitting at bar. Up to this point, Coplon had frequently glanced back over her shoulder and had stopped once and looked around.

5:55 PM Coplon left restaurant, crossed to west side of 7th Avenue at 37th Street and walked north to 42nd Street. She walked west along the south side of 42nd Street to 8th Avenue where she entered Independent subway. It was noticed that Coplon stopped once or twice to window shop but did not again look back after leaving Weitzman's.

6:10 PM Coplon boarded "A" train northbound.

6:32 PM Coplon left "A" train at 181st Street stop. She went upstairs to subway ramp and walked south toward 181st Street exit. She then turned and walked north along the ramp toward the northern exit from the subway. She turned once to look back as she neared the end of the ramp and then left the subway.

7:13 PM Coplon observed walking slowly up and down east side of Broadway between 190 and 192 streets.

7:20 PM Valentine Gubitchev was observed leaving 191st Street IRT subway station via tunnel to Broadway at 190th Street.

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7:50 PM Gubitchev observed among passengers alighting from southbound Broadway bus at first stop south of 190th Street. He walked south along west side of Broadway.

7:51 PM Coplon observed on west side of Broadway near 185th Street, walking north.

7:53 PM Coplon and Gubitchev met on west side of Broadway between 185th and 186th Streets. Gubitchev stopped as Coplon reached him and he turned toward her. Coplon slowed slightly but did not stop. She turned her head and looked back at Gubitchev as she passed him but continued walking north. Gubitchev stood looking after Coplon and appeared undecided as to which way to go. Then he walked north after her at a fast pace, cutting down the distance between them.

7:57 PM Coplon turned west onto 190th Street and walked up the hill along south side of street.

7:59 PM Coplon returned to Broadway walking east along south side of 190th Street.

8:00 PM Coplon crossed Broadway and entered IRT tunnel at 190th Street and Broadway.

9:36 PM Coplon and Gubitchev observed in custody of Bureau agents at 15th Street and 3rd Avenue.

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Physical Surveillance of Judith Coplon  
by SA Edward F. McCarthy, March 4, 1949.

5:35 PM Judith Coplon observed leaving escalator on track 11 on lower level of Pennsylvania Station, New York City. She walked to locker 1035 on the lower level of Pennsylvania Station where she checked a small red colored hand case of vanity size. Locker located near Savarin Cafe on lower level of Pennsylvania Station. (EFM)

5:38 PM Coplon walked upstairs in Pennsylvania Station, through waiting room, took escalator and walked through arcade to 7th Avenue exit of Pennsylvania Station. Coplon walked north on 7th Avenue to the corner of 34th Street where she crossed 7th Avenue to the east side and continued walking north on 7th Avenue to 37th Street. At the corner of 37th Street and 7th Avenue she turned around and retraced her steps to Weitzman Bar, 491 7th Avenue at 5:45 PM. (EFM)

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5:55 PM Coplon left Weitzman Bar, crossed 7th Avenue to the west side of 7th Avenue and walked north to 42nd Street, occasionally stopping to look in store windows. She then walked to 42nd Street and 8th Avenue. She crossed 8th Avenue and entered 8th Avenue Independent Subway through entrance on southwest side of 42nd Street and 8th Avenue. Coplon walked toward downtown turnstiles and then turned back and entered through the uptown turnstiles. She walked downstairs to the platform and waited for a train. (EFM)

6:10 PM Coplon boarded northbound "A" express train and rode to the 181st Street station where she alighted at 6:35 PM. Coplon was observed walking toward north exit of station. (FFM)

7:13 PM Coplon observed walking up and down east side of Broadway between 192nd Street and 190th Street.

7:30 PM Coplon observed at 187th Street and Broadway walking south on east side of Broadway. (EFM)

7:48 PM Gubitchev observed at corner of 187th Street and Broadway on northwest corner. He walked south on Broadway. (EFM)

7:53 PM Coplon observed at corner of 187th Street and Broadway walking north on west side of Broadway.

7:54 PM Coplon observed at corner of 187th Street and Broadway walking north on west side of Broadway.

9:35 PM Coplon and Gubitchev observed at corner of 15th Street and 3rd Avenue on east side of 3rd Avenue. They walked north on the east side of 3rd Avenue to middle of block on 3rd Avenue between 15th and 16th Streets. (EFM)

9:36 PM Coplon and Gubitchev apprehended. Surveillance discontinued. (EFM)

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Physical Surveillance of Judith Coplon  
by Stenographer Catherine T. Condon, March 4, 1949.

5:35 PM Judith Coplon observed at Penn Station, lower level, leaving Track #11 via escalator.

5:37 PM Judith Coplon observed proceeding to lockers located near Savarin Cafe on the lower level, and she checked red vanity-size case in locker #1035. She then walked upstairs to the upper level, through the waiting room to the main lobby of Penn Station. She then took

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the escalator upstairs and proceeded through the arcade to Seventh Avenue.

Coplon walked north on the west side of Seventh Avenue to the northwest corner of 34th Street and Seventh Avenue, at which point she crossed to the northeast corner of 34th Street and Seventh Avenue. She thereafter walked north on the east side of Seventh Avenue to the southwest corner of 37th Street and Seventh Avenue. At this point, she retraced her steps and entered a restaurant at 491 Seventh Avenue, located between 36 and 37 Streets. This was at approximately 5:45 PM.

5:55 PM

Coplon was observed leaving the restaurant. She walked to the southeast corner of 37th Street and Seventh Avenue and crossed over to the southwest corner of 37th Street and Seventh Avenue. She then proceeded north on the west side of Seventh Avenue to the southwest corner of 42nd Street and Seventh Avenue. Here she turned left and walked west on 42nd Street to Eighth Avenue. She crossed Eighth Avenue and entered the 8th Avenue Subway located on the southwest corner of 42nd Street and 8th Avenue. It was noted that enroute she occasionally stopped and looked in store windows, but she was not observed to look back.

6:09 PM

Coplon walked down the steps to the subway arcade and after walking around the change booth, she walked towards the downtown turnstiles. She turned around and re-directed her stops towards the uptown turnstiles. Enroute she stopped a man and appeared to ask him a question. She then entered the uptown turnstiles, went downstairs to the platform, and at approximately 6:10 PM boarded a northbound 8th Avenue Washington Heights Express.

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Physical Surveillance of Judith Coplon  
by SA Brewer Wilson, March 4, 1949.

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Judith Coplon observed on lower level of Penn Station, New York City, leaving escalator which led from track #11.

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Coplon walked to locker #1035 located on lower level of Penn Station opposite Savarin Restaurant where she deposited imitation red alligator vanity case. She thereafter walked to upper level of Penn Station and then through waiting room to escalator leading to arcade on 7th Avenue side of station. She walked through arcade and went out 7th Avenue exit of Penn Station. Coplon then walked north on west side of 7th Avenue to 34th Street, crossed 34th Street on north side of intersection to east side of 34th Street and 7th Avenue. Coplon continued north on east side of 7th Avenue

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to 37th Street and 7th Avenue at which point she turned around, walked south to Weitzman restaurant, 491 7th Avenue (between 36th and 37th Streets).

- 5:45 PM Coplon entered Weitzman restaurant and sat on stool at counter. While walking between Penn Station, and Weitzman restaurant Coplon was observed to look back on a few occasions.
- 5:55 PM Coplon left Weitzman Restaurant, crossed 7th Avenue at 37th Street, walked north on West side of 7th Avenue to 42nd Street, turned west on south side of 42nd Street, and walked to Independent 8th Avenue subway entrance on southwest corner of 8th Avenue and 42nd Street. Enroute she occasionally stopped and looked in store windows but was not observed to look back.
- 6:09 PM Coplon walked down steps to subway arcade, after walking around change booth she walked south toward "downtown" turnstiles, turned around and walked north towards uptown turnstiles. Enroute she stopped a man and appeared to ask him a question. Coplon thereafter boarded an 8th Avenue, Washington Heights Express subway train headed uptown. Coplon continued on northbound subway to 181st Street stop.
- 6:31 PM Coplon got off subway train, walked to upper level of station at which point she walked south about 50 feet. She then turned around retracing her steps and continued walking north on upper level of station toward north exit of station.
- 7:13 PM Coplon observed between 192nd Street and 190th Street on Broadway walking south. She then turned around and walked north on Broadway.
- 7:29 PM Coplon walked south on east side of Broadway between 192nd Street and 190th Street. She continued walking south.
- 7:49 PM Gubitchev observed alighting from southbound Broadway bus at first bus stop south of 190th Street. Gubitchev then walked south on West side of Broadway. (TSM)
- 7:50 PM Coplon observed walking north on West side of Broadway just south of 185th Street. (TSM)
- 7:52 PM Coplon and Gubitchev met on West side of Broadway about 25-30 feet north of 185th Street. They were walking in opposite directions, Coplon walking north and Gubitchev south. Coplon slowed down but continued walking north and appeared to have said something. Gubitchev stopped and remained standing as he watched Coplon continue north on Broadway. (TSM)

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7:55 PM Just after Coplon crossed 189th Street on West side of Broadway Gubitchev was observed walking a short distance behind her at a fast pace. He was walking on street side of walk. As Gubitchev neared Coplon he walked towards her on inside of walk and slowed his pace taking about 5 or 6 steps with her. He appeared to say something to her. Thereafter he increased his pace and walked ahead of her continuing north on Broadway past 190th Street. Coplon continued her slow pace and when she reached 190th Street, she turned north walking on south side of 190th Street. When she reached Bennett Avenue, one block north of Broadway, she turned around and retraced her steps walking on south side of 190th Street in easterly direction toward Broadway and continued on into tunnel which led to IRT subway station.

9:37 PM Coplon observed in Bureau auto parked on 3rd Avenue between 15th and 16th Streets. Gubitchev was on sidewalk on east side of 3rd Avenue between 15th and 16th Streets being searched by agents.

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Physical Surveillance of Judith Coplon  
by SA T. Scott Miller, Jr., March 4, 1949.

7:49 PM Gubitchev got off southbound bus at 187th Street and began walking south on Broadway, west side.

7:50 PM Coplon observed walking south on west side of Broadway. They passed, Coplon slowed down but continued walking. Gubitchev stopped and watched Coplon. He then continued at a rapid pace behind her and finally caught up with her just as she had crossed 189th Street. They walked together a few steps, then he walked ahead of her up Broadway. Coplon turned left at 190th Street.

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Physical Surveillance of Judith Coplon  
by SAs Thomas H. Zoeller and Richard T. Hradsky, March 4, 1949.

7:00 PM Coplon observed walking north on east side of Broadway toward 193rd Street. (RTH-THZ)

7:01 PM Coplon observed standing on southeast corner of 193rd Street and Broadway in front of drug store, where she stood looking up and down the street, apparently waiting for someone. (RTH-THZ).

7:06 PM Coplon started walking south on east side of Broadway, continuing south until she reached a point on east side of Broadway approximately across the street from the 192nd Street intersection. (RTH-THZ)

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7:07 PM Coplon observed stopping at restaurant on east side of Broadway and appeared to be looking in window of restaurant. (RTH-THZ)

7:10 PM Coplon observed walking south on east side of Broadway and continued south until out of sight. (RTH-THZ)

7:14 PM Coplon observed walking north on east side of Broadway at point approximately across the street from 192nd Street intersection. (RTH-THZ)

7:16 PM Coplon reached south east corner of 193rd Street and Broadway, looked back momentarily, and crossed 193rd Street, walking north on the east side of Broadway. She was observed to continue walking north until she reached a point approximately 30 feet north of 193rd Street intersection. (RTH-THZ)

7:17 PM Coplon observed walking south on east side of Broadway at point approximately 30 feet north of 193rd Street intersection. (RTH-THZ)

7:18 PM Coplon entered cigar store at northeast corner 193rd Street and Broadway. (RTH-THZ)

7:24 PM Gubitchev observed walking north on east side of Broadway at point approximately opposite 192nd Street intersection. (RTH-THZ)

7:25 PM Gubitchev reached south east corner 193rd Street and Broadway, and entered drug store.

7:26 PM Gubitchev came out of drug store and walked south on east side of Broadway to a point approximately opposite the 192nd Street intersection, where he momentarily hesitated at the curb before crossing to the north west corner of Broadway and 192nd Street. (RTH-THZ)

7:27 PM Gubitchev observed standing at bus stop at north west corner, 192nd St and Broadway. (RTH-THZ)

7:28 PM Coplon observed coming out of the cigar store at northeast corner 193rd Street and Broadway, and walked south on east side of Broadway. Continued walking until out of sight. (RTH-THZ)

7:30 PM Gubitchev observed still standing at bus stop at north west corner 192nd and Broadway, and did not board bus that stopped. (RTH-THZ)

7:33 PM Gubitchev remained at bus stop. (RTH-THZ)

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7:36 PM Gubitchev out of sight and apparently walked west on 192nd Street. (RTH-THZ)

7:40 PM Gubitchev observed standing at bus stop, northwest corner of 192nd Street and Broadway. (RTH-THZ)

7:45 PM Southbound bus stopped at northwest corner of 192nd Street and Broadway. Gubitchev observed approaching front door of bus and apparently boarded bus as no one remained at bus stop after bus departed. (RTH-THZ)

8:01 PM Gubitchev observed walking north on east side of Broadway at a point approximately across the street from 192nd Street intersection. He continued walking north on the east side of Broadway and turned east into Nagle Avenue and out of sight. (RTH-THZ)

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Physical Surveillance of Judith Coplon  
by SAs Roger W. Robinson and Robert J. Wirth, March 4, 1949.

7:00 PM Judith Coplon observed walking north on East side of Broadway near vicinity of West 192nd Street. (RJW-RWR)

7:01 PM Coplon observed standing in front of Drug Store on East side of Broadway at corner of 193rd Street and Broadway. She remained standing at this location for about seven minutes glancing around the vicinity apparently waiting for some one. (RJW-RWR)

7:07 PM Coplon walking South on Broadway on the East side halting momentarily on two occasions, each time continuing South until she went out of sight. (RJW-RWR)

7:15 PM Coplon walking north on East side of Broadway in vicinity of West 192nd Street and Broadway. She continued walking north crossed West 193rd Street until she reached a point about forty feet north of West 193rd Street on Broadway at which time she turned back and entered cigar store, N.E. corner of West 193rd Street and Broadway at 7:18 P.M. (RJW-RWR)

7:24 PM Valentine A. Gubitchev observed walking north on East side of Broadway in vicinity of West 192nd Street, He continued walking north on Broadway entering the Drug Store at the S.E. corner of Broadway and West 193rd Street at about 7:25 P. M. (RJW-RWR)

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- 7:28 PM Coplon left cigar store glanced momentarily around vicinity, crossed West 193rd Street and continued walking South on the East side of Broadway going out of agents' view in vicinity of West 192nd Street and Broadway. (RJW-RWR)
- 8:01 PM Gubitchev observed walking north on East side of Broadway in vicinity of West 192nd Street. He continued walking north to corner of Broadway and Nagle Avenue. (RJW) Gubitchev turned right walking north east on the East side of Nagle Avenue for about one hundred yards at which point he went out of view. (RWR)

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Physical Surveillance of Judith Coplon  
by SA Martin F. Carey, March 4, 1949.

- 6:48 PM Coplon observed walking alone in a northerly direction on the west side of Broadway. This was in the vicinity of 187th Street. She continued on until she came into the vicinity of Broadway and 193rd Street.
- 7:00 PM Surveillance discontinued. Agent continued north and passed out of vicinity.
- 7:06 PM At this time Coplon was observed standing on the S.E. corner of Broadway and 193rd Street.
- 7:36 PM Coplon observed alone walking south on Broadway in vicinity of 189th Street. She was on east side of Broadway.
- 7:44 PM Coplon entered Bickfords Restaurant at Broadway and 181st Street -- S.W. corner. Could not observe her activities within.
- 7:47 PM She left Bickfords and walked north on Broadway on the west side of street.
- 7:52 PM Gubitchev noted standing on curb side of sidewalk on Broadway just north of 185th Street. Coplon had passed by this point less than a minute before.
- 7:55 PM Gubitchev passed me walking north on the west side of Broadway. This was at the intersection of 187th Street. He was behind Coplon at this point and walking in the same direction.
- 7:57 PM Gubitchev overtook Coplon from the rear. He altered his pace to hers and walked by her side (to her right) for a distance of about 5 paces. (Could not tell if words or articles were exchanged at this time.) This was just N. of 189th Street. (TSM)

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7:58 PM Gubitchev increased his pace and drew ahead and veered to the curb side of the sidewalk. Coplon fell behind and drew in to the inside of the sidewalk. Both were still going in the same northerly direction.

8:00 PM At 190th Street Gubitchev continued north on Broadway alone. Surveillance discontinued on him.

8:00 PM Coplon turned left (westerly direction) on to 190th Street. She went up one block and then turned and retraced her steps going back toward Broadway.

8:05 PM Surveillance discontinued.

9:33 PM Coplon and Gubitchev were noted walking together on Third Avenue between 15th and 16th Streets. They were on the east side of the street going north.

9:35 PM Noted their apprehension. Surveillance discontinued.

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Physical Surveillance Log of Judith Coplon  
by SAS John P. Daley and T. Scott Miller, March 4, 1949

6:52 PM Judith Coplon observed walking on west side of Broadway at 190th Street proceeding north. (JPD) (TSM)

6:58 PM Coplon still seen walking north on west side of Broadway near 192nd Street. (JPD) (TSM)

7:00 PM Coplon seen walking south on east side Broadway toward 191st Street. (JPD) (TSM) She turned around and walked toward 192nd Street and Broadway. (JPD) (TSM)

7:10 PM Coplon seen walking south on Broadway toward 191st Street. (JPD) (TSM) She turned around and walked north. (JPD) (TSM)

7:13 PM Coplon again seen walking south on Broadway toward 191st Street. (JPD) (TSM) She turned around and walked north. (JPD) (TSM)

7:29 PM Coplon seen walking south on Broadway toward 191st Street on east side of street. (JPD) (TSM) She passed 191st Street and Broadway walking south toward 183th Street at 7:31 PM. (JPD) (TSM)

7:48 PM Valentin Gubitchev seen leaving Broadway bus at 188th Street and Broadway. (JPD) (TSM) He started walking south on Broadway on west side of street. (JPD) (TSM)

7:51 PM Coplon observed walking north on Broadway west side at 186th Street. (JPD) (TSM)

8:00 PM Coplon walked east at 191st Street and Broadway and entered IRT Broadway subway entrance. (JPD) (TSM)

9:34 PM Coplon and Gubitchev seen walking north on east side 3rd Avenue between 15th and 16th Streets. (JPD) (TSM)

9:35 PM Coplon and Gubitchev were taken into custody. (JPD) (TSM)

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Physical Surveillance Log of Judith Coplon  
by SA STEPHEN A. McGARR, March 4, 1949

4:00 PM Agent on duty: Pennsylvania Station, New York City.

5:35 PM Coplon observed coming up escalator, lower level, track #11, Pennsylvania Station. Coplon wearing black cloth coat, grey-colored bandana over head, carrying black pocketbook, and red make-up type kit.

5:40 PM Coplon checked red make-up kit in public locker #1035, lower level of station.

5:42 PM Coplon observed ascending stairway to upper level of station. Surveillance discontinued.

6:48 PM Surveillance reinstituted. Coplon observed on Broadway proceeding north on west side of street at 187th Street.

6:52 PM Surveillance discontinued 190th Street and Broadway.

7:32 PM Coplon observed on Broadway proceeding south on east side of street (187th Street and Broadway). Surveillance continued.

7:41 PM Coplon entered Bickfords Restaurant south west corner Broadway and 181st Street and went to rear of restaurant into back, behind partition.

7:45 PM Coplon left restaurant, walked north on Broadway, west side; surveillance discontinued.

7:56 PM Coplon observed walking north on Broadway west side at 189th Street. Surveillance discontinued.

7:58 PM Surveillance continued. Coplon observed going east on 190th Street and Broadway, crossing street. Surveillance discontinued.

9:35 PM Coplon observed in Bureau automobile at corner 16th Street and 3rd Avenue.

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Physical Surveillance Log of Judith Coplon  
by SA Michael J. McDonagh, March 4, 1949

6:48 PM Coplon observed walking alone in northerly direction on west side of Broadway in vicinity of 187th Street and Broadway. (MMD)

7:52 PM Coplon observed walking south on east side of Broadway at 187th Street. (MMD)

7:48 PM Gubitchev observed at corner of 187th Street and Broadway. (MMD)

7:53 PM Coplon observed going north on west side of Broadway at 187th Street. (MMD)

7:54 PM Gubitchev observed going north on west side of Broadway at 187th Street. (MMD)

9:34 PM Gubitchev and Coplon observed at southeast corner of 15th Street and 3rd Avenue. (MMD)

9:36 PM Gubitchev and Coplon observed being placed under arrest at 16th Street and 3rd Avenue. Surveillance ended. (MMD)

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Physical Surveillance Log of Valentine Gubitchev  
by SAS John J. Ward, Martin J. McGuinn, Daniel F. Garde,  
March 4, 1949

4:15 PM Surveillance instituted in vicinity of 1st Avenue and 42nd Street, New York City, New York. (DFG)

4:50 PM Valentine Gubitchev observed at intersection of 42nd Street and 1st Avenue, New York City, New York, [walking west away from the building at 405 East 42nd Street.] He was accompanied by an unidentified man who appeared to be about six foot tall, slender and was wearing brown overcoat and light tan hat. The two walked west on the north side of 42nd Street to the north west corner of Lexington Avenue and 42nd Street. The two stood at the corner of the building at that location for a few moments, then separated. Surveillance discontinued 5:05 PM (DFG).

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Physical Surveillance Log of Judith Coplon  
and Valentine A. Gubitchev, by SA John R. Murphy, Jr.,  
March 4, 1949

6:48 PM Judith Coplon observed walking north on Broadway (on west side) near 187th Street.

6:53 PM Judith Coplon enters a small luncheonette on west side of Broadway between 190th and 192nd Streets (4451 Broadway) (JRM)

6:57 PM Coplon observed leaving luncheonette, continues walking north on Broadway to 192nd Street, where she crossed to east side of street and continued walking north.

7:01 PM Judith Coplon observed standing on southeast corner of 193rd Street and Broadway.

7:07 PM Coplon walked south on Broadway on east side of street to near Fairview Avenue, returning almost immediately to her original position at 193rd Street and Broadway.

7:32 PM Judith Coplon observed at 187th Street and Broadway, walking south on the east side.

7:41 PM Coplon entered Bickford's Restaurant at southwest corner of 181st Street and Broadway.

7:45 PM Coplon left Bickford's Restaurant, began walking north on Broadway on west side of street.

7:52 PM Coplon passed Valentine Gubitchev who was standing on the sidewalk between 185th and 186th Streets on west side of Broadway. Coplon glanced back over shoulder after she passed Gubitchev, but did not slacken her pace.

7:58 PM Coplon observed walking down south side of 190th Street from Bennett Avenue toward Broadway.

8:01 PM Judith Coplon enters IRT Subway Tunnel entrance at 191st Street and Broadway, and after paying fare is observed waiting for train on downtown platform.

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- 8:10 PM Coplon enters downtown IRT Subway at 191st Street stop and takes seat near front of car near middle of subway train.
- 8:34 PM Coplon leaves IRT Subway train at Times Square stop and exits into 42nd Street, just West of 7th Avenue.
- 8:37 PM Coplon takes position on 7th Avenue side of United Cigar Store at 42nd Street, where she appears to be waiting for someone.
- 8:38 PM Coplon observed sauntering north on 7th Avenue to a point near 43rd Street, where she doubled back on same side of street, returning to her original position at 7th Avenue and 42nd Street, about two minutes later.
- 8:45 PM Coplon observed walking west on 42nd Street from 7th Avenue at a moderate pace, followed by Valentine Gubitchev. Gubitchev was first seen near the IRT subway exit on 42nd Street, just west of 7th Avenue, and was about 10-15 feet directly behind Coplon.
- 8:51 PM Gubitchev passed Coplon as they neared the corner of 9th Avenue and 42nd Street and after passing under the Hotel Holland marquee Gubitchev began running for a waiting south-bound 9th Avenue bus, which he boarded at about 8:53 PM. Coplon, upon seeing Gubitchev running for the bus, did likewise and boarded the same bus immediately behind Gubitchev. This was bus #89.

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Physical Surveillance Log of Valentine Gubitchev  
and Judith Coplon by SAs Daniel F. Garde, Martin  
J. McGuinn and John J. Ward, March 4, 1949

- 9:01 PM Observed bus #89 proceeding south on 9th Avenue, New York City, New York, at about 22nd Street. (DFG)
- 9:03 Observed Valentine Gubitchev seated on right side of bus #89 in seat just to the rear of the side exit door, which is located towards rear of the bus. Observed Judith Coplon seated on left side of bus, across the aisle and several seats forward of Gubitchev. She was located at approximately the middle of the length of the bus, and was facing forward. The bus was sparsely populated with not more than half-dozen passengers. (DFG)
- 9:04 Valentine Gubitchev and Judith Coplon alighted from bus #89 at northwest corner of 9th Avenue and 14th Street. The two stood on the corner for a few moments, then crossed 14th Street to southwest corner of 14th Street and 9th Avenue. They then stood on the corner for several moments, looking about in all directions. The neighborhood was very quiet, the sidewalks in the vicinity almost deserted, and very little activity of any kind discernable. The two then crossed 9th Avenue to the southeast corner of 14th Street and Hudson Street, the latter street being a diagonal extension of 9th Avenue, south of this five-street intersection. Gubitchev and Coplon stood together on this corner for several moments, glancing all around the area before proceeding east towards 8th Avenue on the south side of 14th Street. After proceeding approximately ten paces east, they stopped and looked about in various directions for several moments. (DFG)

The two then again proceeded east on 14th Street towards 8th Avenue. (DFG)

At this point, Special Agent John J. Ward took up the surveillance on foot and Agents Garde and McGuinn, in Bureau automobile, discontinued surveillance in the interests of discretion. (DFG)

- 9:37 Arrived at 3rd Avenue near 16th Street. Observed Judith Coplon and Valentine Gubitchev in process of being apprehended. Observed Gubitchev being searched, and placed in Bureau automobile. Observed Judith Coplon placed in

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Bureau car. (DFG)

Proceeded to office following the two cars in which  
Gubitchev and Coplon were brought to United States  
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Physical Surveillance Log of Valentine Gubitchev  
and Judith Coplon by SA John J. Ward, March 4, 1949

5:15 PM    On duty and cruising upper mid-town area of Manhattan in  
          to    Bureau car.  
8:50 PM

8:50        En route from upper Park Avenue to vicinity of Penn  
          Station via Bureau car.

8:55        En route on Park Avenue at 42nd Street to overtake bus  
          #89 on 9th Avenue.

9:00        Green bus #89 observed going south on 9th Avenue at  
          22nd Street.

9:03        Subjects Gubitchev and Coplon observed getting off bus  
          #89 and walking together to southwest corner of 9th  
          Avenue and 14th Street.

9:04        Subjects walked east on 14th Street on south side of  
          street. Observed Gubitchev looking behind him several  
          times.

9:08        Gubitchev and Coplon entered subway at southwest corner  
          of 8th Avenue and 14th Street and entered BMT train.

9:15        Train left BMT station at 8th Avenue, eastbound.

9:18        At Union Square stop of BMT, subjects were observed on train  
          seated adjacent to each other but on separate seats. Coplon  
          faced west and Gubitchev faced south in the subway car.

9:22        Gubitchev and Coplon left subway train at 3rd Avenue stop  
          of BMT line.

9:35        Assisting in apprehension of Gubitchev.

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Physical Surveillance Log of Valentine A. Gubitchev  
and Judith Coplon by SA Robert R. Granville and SAC  
Edward Scheidt, March 4, 1949

8:02 PM Valentine A. Gubitchev observed walking north on Broadway to Nagle Avenue and proceeding northward on Nagle Avenue on east side of avenue. (RRG) (ES)

8:04 PM Gubitchev crossed Nagle and proceeded west on Ellwood to south east corner of Broadway and Ellwood. (RRG)

8:08 PM Last observed at Ellwood and Broadway north-bound Broadway bus seen pulling out, could not tell if Gubitchev on bus. (RRG)

9:34 PM Gubitchev and Judith Coplon observed walking north on Third Avenue between 15th and 16th Streets on eastside of Third Avenue talking together. (RRG) (ES)

9:36 PM Gubitchev and Coplon placed under arrest. Gubitchev searched. (RRG)

9:38 PM Proceeded to office with Gubitchev. SAS Martin Carey, J.F. Malley, and SAC Edward Scheidt. (RRG) (ES)

9:51 PM Arrived basement of office and proceeded immediately to the sixth floor. (RRG) (ES)

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ARREST OF JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV

At 9:36 p.m., March 4th, 1949, JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV were placed under arrest by Special Agent in Charge Edward Scheidt and Supervisor Robert R. Granville, on 3rd Avenue between 15th and 16th Streets, New York City. They identified themselves as FBI Agents.

GUBITCHEV was searched immediately by SA's Granville and Martin F. Carey. His wrists were held by SA's Martin F. Carey and John F. Malley, Jr., and he was placed in the rear seat of Bureau Car No. 220. The search of GUBITCHEV on the street took about five minutes.

GUBITCHEV was brought to the New York Office, arriving at about 9:51 p.m., and was taken immediately to the 6th floor, Room C, where he was placed in a chair.

At 10:06 p.m., a thorough search and interrogation of GUBITCHEV was instituted by SA's Thomas J. McAndrews and Robert J. Wirth.

JUDITH COPLON, upon arrest, was escorted to Bureau Car No. 200, by SA's Edward F. McCarthy and T. Scott Miller. Her handbag was taken from her possession, and she was taken to the New York Office, reaching there at 9:50 p.m.

COPLON was escorted to the 6th floor, and to the nurse's office by SA's T. Scott Miller, Brewer Wilson, Edward F. McCarthy, and Miss Sappho Manos, chief clerk, and Nurse Genevieve Chara.

SEARCH AND INTERVIEW OF JUDITH COPLON

SA Edward F. McCarthy, who had taken COPLON's purse from her, turned it over to Agent Miller in the Nurse's Office.

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The search of COPLON'S purse was made by Special Agents T. SCOTT MILLER, JR. and ROGER W. ROBINSON, in the presence of Special Agent BREWER WILSON, Miss SAPPHO MANOS and Nurse GENEVIEVE CHARA. The Agents identified themselves to COPLON as FBI Agents. The following articles were found in the purse:

- A. A small package about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches bound in scotch tape. The outside of the package consisted of a piece of white paper. Inside was a piece of paper with handwriting on both sides. On the outside of the package was a printed arrow. The following was the handwritten material on the inside of the package:

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"Bureau Memo, 3/3/49."

B. A larger package, about 5" X 6" consisting of an outside envelope which bore the name "Belle-Sharmeer Stockings" together with copy about the stockings. This envelope was sealed with scotch tape. Inside this envelope was a plain white envelope also sealed with scotch tape. Inside this envelope were 34 5" X 8" abstract blanks containing typewritten summaries of information contained in FBI reports. Each summary bears a notation referring to an FBI report and setting forth (U)

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the title, character, date and place where made and the author. These abstracts are being set out as follows:

1. [REDACTED]

"#Brent report, Washington, DC, Re: Salomon Lieberman, was; Jean Lieberman, was,  
Int. Sec. -R"

2. "Jacob Leon Gyer, aka Jack Gyer

"In Aug of 1947 subject applied for Soviet citizenship thru  
Russian Consulate in San Fran.

"#Abborr, Los Angeles, 12/17/48, Re: JLG, Sec. Matter-C"

3. "Leona Saron

"On 12/27/47, T-1, an informant of known reliability, who  
is familiar [REDACTED]

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"McQueen report, Wash., DC. 11/25/48. Re: LS, was Sec. Matter - C"

4. [REDACTED] was

"Los Angeles T-1, who was in position to observe and was

[REDACTED]

"T-2 supplied info in early part of 1945 (info was in a

[REDACTED]

"Wittenburg, LA, 1/31/49, Re: Dr. AAH, Int. Sec.-R"

5. "Philip Levy

"T-2 reported that he learned in May of 1945, subject's brother,

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"Burke report, Newark, 11/23/48, Re: Philip Levy, Int. Sec.-R"

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6. "William J. Ragin, was

"Subject arouses suspicion in Baltimore, MD by possession of expensive photo equipment, signs of unusual affluence, and references to contacts with the Russian Embassy. Subject continues to make frequent moves around the US seeking employment for short periods of time in the prominent industries of the country. Present whereabouts unknown.

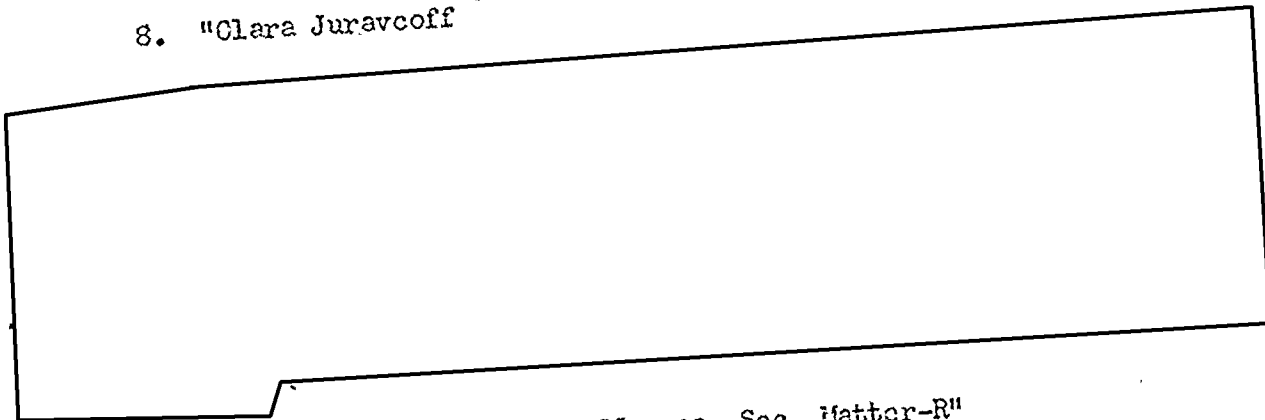
"#Margison report, Baltimore, 11/16/48, William J. Ragin, was Int. Sec.-R"

7. "Krstic

"Reference Bureau letter, 3/26/48, authorized investigation of Stojan Krstic, employed by Yugo Consulate at Chicago, in order to verify and implement info that subject is engaged in intelligence activities as agent of UDB at Yugo Consulate.

"#Fitzgerald, Chicago, 10/8/48, Re: SK, Int. Sec. Yu & R"

8. "Clara Juravcoff



"#Raudsep, San Fran, 11/19/48, Re: CJ, was, Sec. Matter-R"

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"/Raudsep, San Fran, 11/19/48, Re: PJ, Sec. Matter-R"

10. "Harold Boorman

"T-1 revealed on 5/26/47 that subject visited the State  
Headquarters of the CP, Newark, NJ, on that date and [REDACTED]  
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"/Nowell, Newark, 11/19/48, Re: HB, Sec. Matter-C"

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11. "Stuart Legg

"Stuart Legg [REDACTED]

"/Frink, NY, 1/14/49, Re: Frederic March, Sec. Matter-C"

12. "Subject, in interview, denies knowing Dorothea Keene, Jacob  
Aronoff or Ursula Wasserman. States she knew Tatiana Pepper from  
1923-30. Regained contact when Elizabeth Eagen returned from Moscow with  
word of Tatiana. Subject sent several letters and packages to Tatiana.  
Mrs. Eagen and daughter Louise Eagen admit taking a package which Mrs.  
Eagen delivered to Tatiana in Moscow. Both deny bringing any letters to  
US for mailing to subject. Elizabeth Eagen, another daughter, formerly in  
Moscow, now in Prague with State Dept. Mrs. Eagen lives in Montclair, NJ.

"/Nunmoy, NY/1/28/49, Re: Dorothy Lowengruden Block, was, Int. Sec.-R

"Bloch received two letters in 1945, written by Tatiana in Moscow and mailed  
to Bloch in the US (by person unknown,) postmarked in Montclair, NJ.

"/Murphy, NY, 6/9/47, Re: DLB,"

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13. "In March 1946, subject had in her address book the name of Ruth Gruber. Gruber has been reported to have been a contact of F.A. Garanin of the Soviet Embassy, Wash. Gruber was secretary to Harold Ickes, Secy of Interior.

"#O'Brien, NY, 11/12/38, Re: Ursula Jasserman, Int. Sec.-R"

14. "Reference teletype indicated that Dept of State source advised that the individual who filed passport application on 9/21/34 in name of Charles Francis Chase, [redacted]  
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"#Winter, New Haven, Conn., 1/24/49, Re: John Loomis Sherman, was Int. Sec.-R"

#### 15. "ARTKINO

'Admiral Nakhimov' was reviewed by the writer at the Stanley Theater on 12/4/48. No indication on screen by way of trailer either at beginning or end that Artkino registered agent of foreign principal. T-6 reported same re 'The Taras Family' shown at headquarters of District #21, CP, St. Louis, Mo.

"On 5/14/46, T-3 stated that Napoli departed from Brownsville, Texas for Mexico City, claiming Mexican citizenship on this trip and allowed to depart without travel papers. On 5/22/46, T-3 advised Nap returned from Mexico and declared American citizenship on passenger declaration.

"On 7/23/48, [redacted] furnished press releases issued by Artkino to 'Daily Worker' describing 'Village Teacher'.

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"#Coholan report, NY, 12/20/48, Re: Artkino, Int. Sec.-R"

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16. "Eli Potash, was

"On 7/19/48 subject [redacted]  
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b7D[redacted] stated that Jeremiah Feingold stocks various Russian art  
goods, books, music and literature. [redacted]  
[redacted][redacted] Los Angeles  
telephonically contacted this office on 10/20/48 and advised that subject  
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"Subject interviewed at NY office by writer and SA Wirth from 2:15 to 4:30 PM on 11/10/48. Interviewed in detail re identity and whereabouts of his family. Date of birth established as  claimed

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(page three) "Inasmuch as this investigation has not disclosed any indication of espionage activities, it is being closed subject to being reopened.

"#Wirth,NY,11/26/48, R2: Dr. RLL, Int. Soc.-R"

18. "Lidia Pavil De Pavigli (Tacconi).

"Source A has advised that subject, Piazza Donatello #25, Florence, Italy, is attempting to enter US. She applied in Florence for passport, attaching letter from William H. Sanders, former US soldier, who desires subject to enter US for purpose of marrying him. On 7/11/46 subject previously made effort to obtain Italian passport in order to represent firm of Pietro Bazzanti & Son, of Florence, in Los Angeles.

"#Glascook, NY, 4/21/47, Re: Lidia Davil De Pavigli (Tacconi), Int. Sec.-R

"William Henry Sanders, residing at 547 W. 123rd St., NYC, since 2/46.

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"In 4/48 received letter from subject, postmarked Florence. Lawrence Francis Kent; who wrote affidavit of agreeability to support subject to prevent her from becoming ward of the state if her US entry is permitted, resided at 46 W. 73rd St., NYC, for approximately two years, departed for Mexico 6/27/48.

"#Nunmeyer, 12/9/48, Re: L P D, Int. Sec.-R"

19. "Michael Walden

"T-2 advised on 5/20/48 that [REDACTED]

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"T-2 has furnished info over the past four months which would indicate that Michael and Clara Walden active in 59th Section of L.A. County CP.

"#Brown, LA, 1/13/49 Re: MW and Clara W."

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20. "Boris Atanassoff Ivanoff Gougoff, was. Jack Ivanoff, Jack Evans, Boris Atanassoff, etc.

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"Files of Los Angeles Office reveal subject previously came to attention of LA Office in case re 'ITANIS SIMOFF KATCHALAKOFF, Espionage-R, in which LA is office of origin of a pending investigation. On 12/30/47 Source B revealed [REDACTED]

"Subject reported on 10/5/48 to have reached Sofia.

"#Ronksley, Los Angeles, 12/3/48, Re: BAEG, was, Int. Sec.-R (Bulgarian)"

21. "George Dimitrov Sotirov

"Subject reported by Informant as suspected of working for Bulgarian or Russian Intelligence Services. Believed to have obtained UN position thru Boyan Athanasov so that he might have freedom of movement in US. Subject at present in Immigration Section, Dept of Social Affairs at UN.

"#Zangle, NY, 11/22/48, Re: GDS, Int. Sec.-R--Bulgarian"

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22. "Samuel Gordon"

"This investigation based on info that ten American seamen, discharged in Marseilles from 'SS TRADE WINDS' and 'SS PRESIDENT WARFIELD' (later known as 'SS EXODUS 1947'), appeared at office of US Consul at Marseilles seeking passports for return trip to US. Subsequent info reflected that original informant in instant case was

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[REDACTED] She declined to furnish additional info re identity of seamen and it was subsequently ascertained that she had furnished fictitious address for herself and could not be re-contacted. She did state that mailing address of these individuals was the Weston Trading Co., 24 Stone Street, NYC. As a result of this info, surveillances placed on Irving Rubin and his associates, Edward Joseph Hugh McDonald, aka Hugh McDonald; Samuel Gordon; and Haim Katz, aka Harold Katz, at Marseilles. Surveillances disclosed that all four were in close contact with known Soviet agents, Oleg Stepanoff, Boris Nazarenko and Carol Kostinescu. Questioning of these individuals (seamen) revealed that they denied knowing Stepanoff, Naz, Kost., or Avramides.

"#Spillane, NY, 12/31/48, Re: Samuel Gordon, Espionage-R"

23. "Eugenio Chavez"

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"#Johns, El Paso, Texas, 11/18/48, Re: Eugenio / Chavez, was, E. Orta, Eugenio Orta, Espionage-R; Security Matters-C."

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24. "Irina (Iraida) Efimovna Aleksander, was  
Bozhidar Kossimir Aleksander, was

"This report predicated on info received from T-1 that subjects  
(especially Irina), were extremely friendly with officials of Russian  
Consulate, NYC. On 9/29/45, [REDACTED]

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(Bureau emphasis).

"#Murphy, NYC, 5/29/46, Re: IEA etc., Int. Sec.-R, Refer 5 IS  
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"Bernard Koten, Research Director of American Russian Institute,  
is friend and contact of William Hermann Eckart Johnson and his wife  
Annette F. Johnson, who are employed at present on the Secret Russian Desk  
of the War Dpt, Washington, DC and who are suspected of giving out info  
to the NKVD.

"#Murphy, 9/5/46,

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"Additional data received re subject Irina further indicating she  
may be Russian espionage agent. One anonymous letter indicates she acted  
as (second page) stated that approximately once a month, an unknown  
civilian, appearing to be a foreigner, attended the gatherings at the  
Dunham residence; when this individual appeared, great secrecy was maintained  
at the house, all curtains drawn. Such precautions not taken at other  
gatherings.

"#Lotcher, Wash. DC. 4/1/48"

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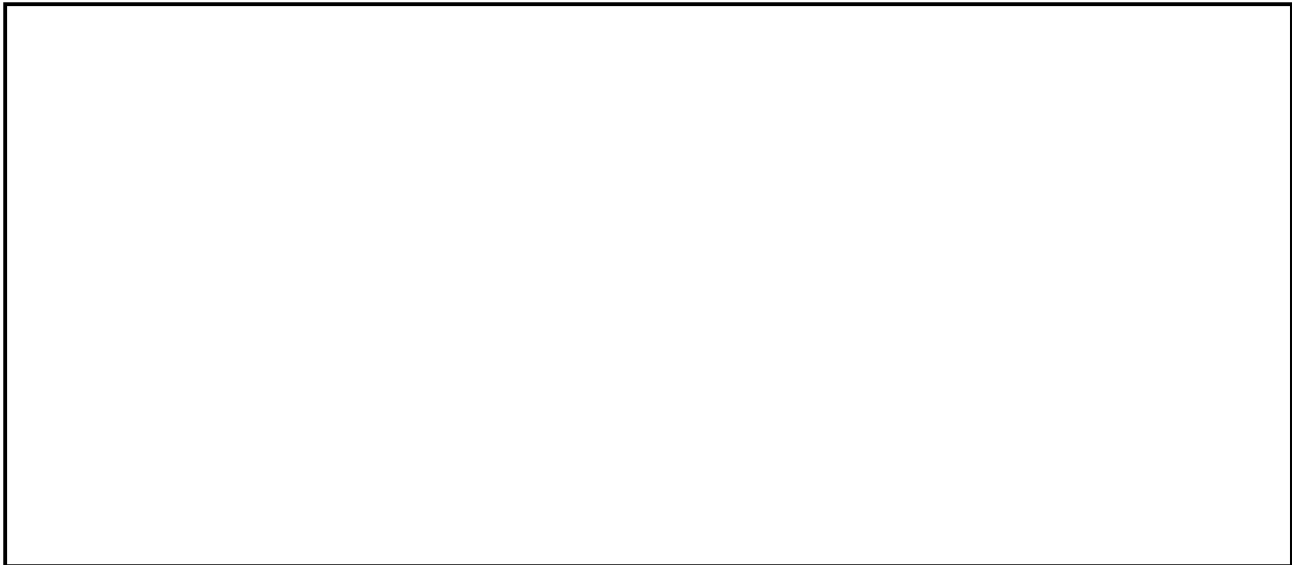
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25. "Napoli

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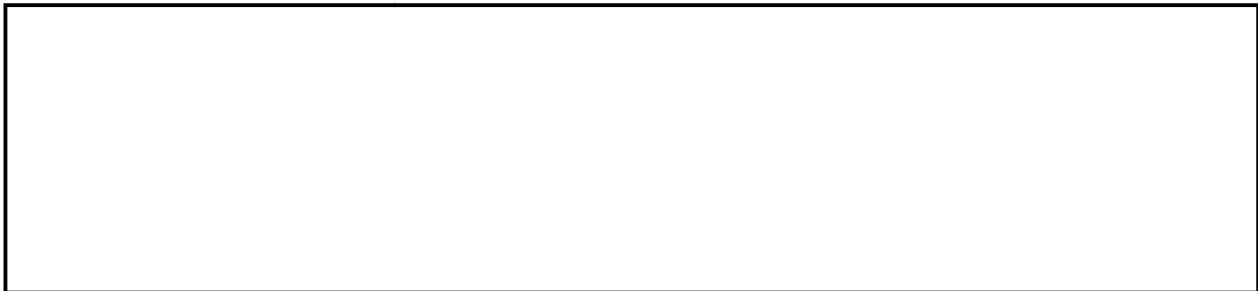


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"FBI report dated 12-20-48 at New York by Sp. Agt. Robert W. Coholan, p.4.  
File No. 149-299".

26. "Novaya Zarya

Jacob Lomakin  
Efremov  
Russian Consul General in ~  
San Francisco  
Sochhoff



"FBI report dated 12-15-48 by Sp. Agt. Wesley G. Grapp at San Francisco,  
p. 8.  
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27. "Novaya Zarya

"Victor Afanasiev  
Olga Nikolaevna Artemoff  
Russian Consulate of San Francisco

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San Francisco, pp. 10-11. File No. 149-06-2-12"

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28. "Novaya Zarya

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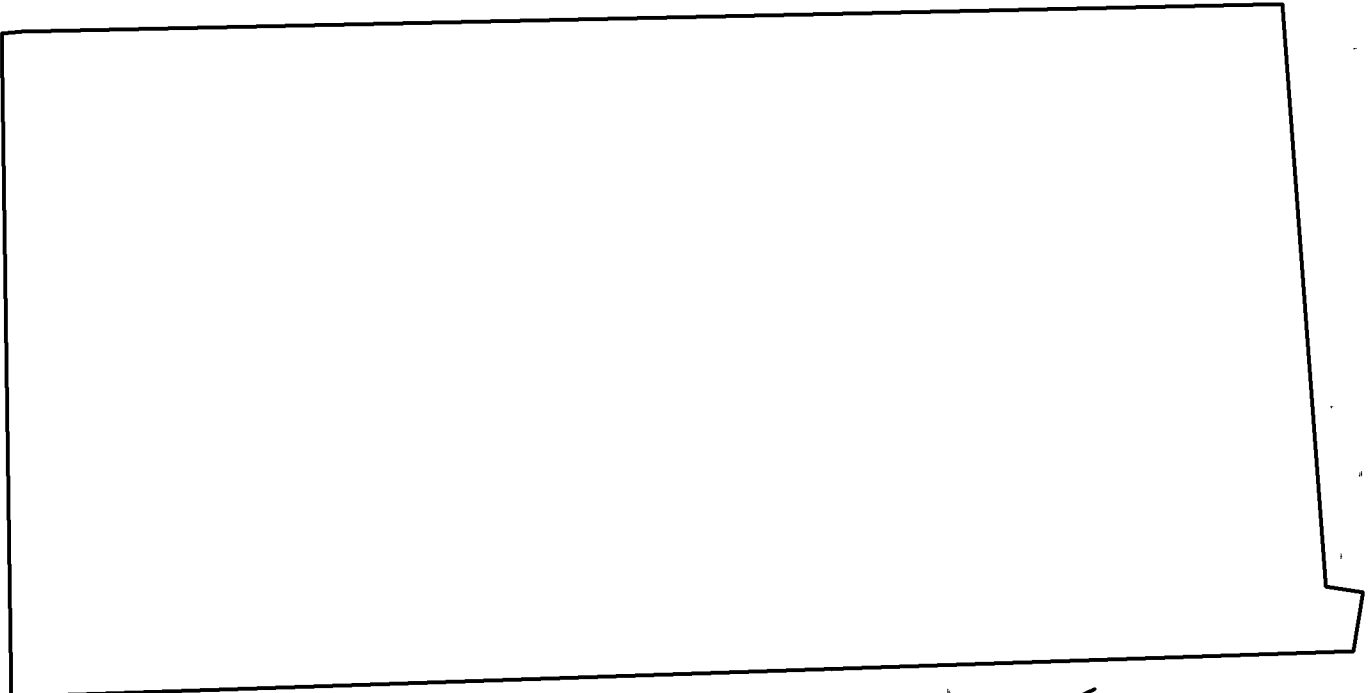


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Wesley G. Grapp, p. 13. File No. 149-06-2-12"

29. "Novaya Zarya

"Russian Life"  
Russian Consulate  
N. Yazykov  
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"White Russian circles. These articles have been printed this year in Novaya Zarya.

"FBI report dated 12-15-48 at San Francisco by Sp. Agt. Wesley G. Grapp, p. 12. File No. 149-06-2-12"

30. "General Nicolae Radesou

"Nicolae Malaxa  
M. Nicholas Caranfil  
M. Barbu Niculescu

"See Bureau rept, dated May 15, 1948, Re: Nicolae Malaxa, w/a. File No. 146-1-51-1348

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31. "Czechoslovakian Metal and  
Engineering Industry"Kramar  
Industrial Operations, Inc.  
Anthony Fried  
Karel Kalina  
Overseas Mercantile, Inc.  
Omnipol, Ltd. in Pragueb6  
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"FBI report dated 2-17-48 at N.Y. by Sp. Agt. Rudolph V. Gliniak, pp. 4-5.  
File No. 146-1-51-1555"

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"The (Immigration) file further contained a letter dated Nov. 20, 1947 at Prague, Czechoslovakia from the Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Works, a national corporation, signed by Anthony Fried, Senior Deputy Director General, which letter stated that Kramar is Acting Vice President of Industrial Operations, Inc. which company represents the Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Works in the United States. The letter also asked that favorable consideration be given to the application for extension of visa.

"Conf. Informant T-4 advised [REDACTED]

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32. "Kramar

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"In connection with obtaining his present employment, Kramar  
advised [REDACTED]

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FBI report dated 2-17-48 at New York by Sp. Agt. Rudolph V. Gliniak, p. 5.  
File No. 146-1-51-1555"

33. "Nicholas George Nicholas, w/a Yugoslav Embassy

"Subject reported performing liaison activities with Yugoslav Embassy Officials, Wash., D.C. Continues active and influential in Yugoslav activities locally. Makes frequent visits to Pittsburgh, Pa., in connection with affairs of C.F.U. Investigation at Durham, California, reflects subject and George Drusianich are part owners of almond orchard. Checking account maintained at Chico, Calif. No bank account maintained in Mountain View, Calif., by subject at present time. Results of mail covers set forth.

FBI report of 10-12-48 at San Francisco, by Sp. Agt. Edward Dornlas, Jr., p. 1.  
File No: 146-1-11-324

34. "Mario Joseph Pezzola

"In Bureau interview Pezzola admitted writing letter 3/8/48 to 'Dear Joseph' and signed Dick, which letter indicated P associated with an org. sending reps to various parts of the world. P now admits that entire letter fabrication, written to impress three fellow employees of

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"the Arabian-American Oil Co. with P's connections with a non-existent underground pro-Israel anti-capitalist group; by this means P wanted to impress his three associates with the extent of his own liberal philosophy." (U)

[#Todd, San Fran, 1/21/49, Re:MJP, Int. Sec-R"]

35. Also contained in this envelope was a  $\frac{1}{2}$  page typewritten document reading as follows: (U)

"I have not been able (and don't think I will) to get the top secret FBI report which I described to Michael on Soviet & Communist Intelligence Activities in the US. When the moment was favorable, I asked Foley where the report was (He'd previously remarked that he'd had such a report); he said that some departmental official had it and he didn't expect to get it back. Foley remarked there was nothing "new" in it. When I saw the report, for a minute, I breezed through it rapidly, remember very little. It was about 115 pages in length; summarized first Soviet "intelligence" activities, including Martens, Lore, Poyntz, Altschuler, Silvermaster et. al. It had heading on Soviet UN delegation but that was all I remember. The rest of the report I think was on Polish, Yugo, etc. activities and possibly some info on the CP, USA." (U)

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"Beginning with the spring semester of 1946, I attended The American University, Washington, DC until the spring semester of 1948, during which time I completed my class credits for an MA in International Organizations and International Relations. All I need for my degree is the completion of a thesis. While I'm not enthusiastic about it, I think I should complete this thesis by the summer. My subject will deal with certain aspects of international propaganda and its control." (U)

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36. Also contained in this envelope was a 3 page document as follows:

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"I first met [redacted], as he is known, in the summer of 1946 when we both attended a class in 'International Organization' at the graduate school of American University in Washington.

[redacted] is about 29 years of age, an American by birth, and comes from [redacted] Texas. At the present time he is working at the Signal Corps in Arlington, Virginia. He has a P-3 or P-4 rating; I do not know the nature of his work since he is most secretive on this point; he did tell me several months ago though that he had changed the type of work he was doing. [redacted] came to Washington during the war and, I believe, has been working since, first as a GI and then as a civilian, at the Signal Corps. Previously, he held some sort of civil service job in Texas or Arkansas and prior to that I think taught school, having received an M.A. in English literature from some southern US university.

"I would characterize [redacted] as pro-Communist, albeit a bit of a 'wishy-washy idealist' and politically naive. For example, in a conversation that I had with him a few days ago, he mentioned some people that he'd met in New York (apparently Communists); he told me that while he found himself agreeing with these people sympathetically, he could not accept all of their 'realistic' approach. He mentioned though that when he met such people as a group, he tended to agree with them 100% in their presence, largely because they were usually so shocked finding someone so 'liberal' from the proverbially reactionary state of Texas that he seemed to want them to be sure that he was one of them. (I might add, as an aside, that until this very recent conversation with him, I'd never heard him express such qualifications to his previously seemingly more mature views.)

"I do not know of any of his political affiliations. I know he is a member of the American Veterans Committee and that for a while he associated, and may still associate, with various persons connected with

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"Community Education, Inc., an inter-racial 'cultural' center in Washington. It was my vague impression that Community Ed. was a pro-Communist organization. Recently I read in a Bureau report where one informant characterized the group as pro-Communist, but another characterized it as Socialist and one of its leaders, David Campbell, as a Trotskyite. [ ] also attended at least one meeting, a year or so ago, of the Washington Bookshop (subversive listing) which was on the subject of Palestine and about which he was very enthusiastic; and was impressed with the speaker.

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[ ] closest friend, and former roommate, in Washington was [ ] who also worked at the Signal Corps until he returned to New York last summer. He is working at present for some agency of the New York State Government. [ ] graduated from Brooklyn College and was friendly with several people (mainly progressives) whom I'd been friendly with during college days. [ ] impressed me as being more politically mature than [ ] although I do not know of any of his previous or present political affiliations.

"As for [ ] personality--he is seemingly sincere, intelligent, good-natured sort of person. On the negative side, he is quite shy, inclined to boring, tedious discussions on obscure points, and has a general awkwardness, social and otherwise, like that of an adolescent. When I was attending American University (until Feb. 1948), I saw [ ] about once every two or three weeks; since then I've seen him infrequently.

"With respect to his family background--his father, now dead, was a Protestant minister; his mother teaches school in El Paso; he has an older sister who is married and an older brother, [ ] is a [ ] and is now teaching at the [ ] New Jersey. About a year or more ago, [ ] gave a [ ] which included his own works, one of which, I vaguely remember, was devoted to John Brown, or some other progressive American historical figure, and had a slightly progressive flavor. From what [ ] has told me, I would say that financially his family has been relatively poor.

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[redacted] and I lived in the same neighborhood in Brooklyn, were quite friendly in high school, drifted apart during college days and saw each other rarely after that. In about October 1947, [redacted] married [redacted] who was then and is now studying at Georgetown University law school. Since [redacted] been in Washington I've seen her only a few times; although personally I'd like to see her more often, I've felt restricted because of her progressive political leanings.

[redacted] is about 26 years of age, American by birth. She attended Brooklyn College two or three years, left to take a secretarial course, and held secretarial jobs until she enlisted in the WAVES during the war. When she first came to Washington she worked as a stenographer in the Patent Office, Dept of Commerce; she told me she was extremely bored by this work, deplored her reactionary colleagues. She thought for a while she might try to get some work at the Navy, in view of her former association as a WAVE, but I do not think she pursued the idea. Whether she was dissuaded from doing so, in light of the Loyalty program, I do not know. At the present time she is not working but is attending a school of fashion design during the day.

"When I first knew [redacted] although an intelligent and relatively sophisticated girl, she was not politically active, although she might have been a passive member of the American Student Union when at college. At the present time, she is very much interested in progressive groups and appears to have developed a great deal politically. I do not know whether she is or has been a member of the CP. The only political affiliation I know of on her part is that just previous to coming to Washington she worked as a volunteer on a campaign being conducted by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

"I might add that I have tried, the few times I've seen or spoken with her, to avoid political discussions because of the anomalous status I must occupy in her thoughts. She remembers me as a Communist, and I think she is confused as to whether I still am a C (and if so why I continue to work for the Govt in Washington), or if I've 'sold out'. I think her opinion is that I am somewhere between the two, that is, that I'm just a neurotic.

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[redacted] has a pleasing personality, slightly reserved; she is intelligent and outwardly appears well-poised and well-adjusted. However, a few days ago she told me that she had been considering going to a psychiatrist. When I said I was surprised, she remarked that she really thought she needed it and was not being superficial or a faddist.

"Her family background is fairly comfortable financially. Her father owns a tie factory in Paterson, New Jersey. Her oldest sister is married and I think lives in Paterson. Her other older sister, [redacted] is married to [redacted] and lives in Brooklyn. My impression is that during the time I know her in Brooklyn, [redacted] was a Communist and was probably then, if not now, a member of the CP. At the present time [redacted] is a housewife, has one young child. Her husband is in some sort of export-import business which requires that he travel a lot in the US; formerly he used also travel in Europe but I believe he desires to eliminate the latter in view of his young baby, etc..

[redacted]

[redacted] is about 26 or 27 years of age, an American citizen. He comes from Brooklyn, received a degree in engineering from New York University, was a naval officer during the war, and is attending law school at present for the purpose of becoming a private patent lawyer, with a practice preferably in New York. For a while he worked in the Patent Office, Dept of Commerce, during the day and attended law school at night; at present he attends school during the day (will finish this June) and works part-time during the day in a private patent law office here.

"Politically his views seem to parallel [redacted] although she seems, superficially at least, more politically mature than he. I forgot

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"to add above that  (and  have mentioned that they are friendly with a few persons associated with 'Presentation, Inc.', a film outfit with which  was connected.

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is bright, has a pleasing personality, like  appears socially poised, is good company, etc. I know nothing about his family, except that they would appear to be financially comfortable."

The above material was marked for identification by Agents MILLER and ROBINSON and subsequently turned over to Agents DUDLEY PAYNE and THOMAS WENDENHALL of the Washington Field Office who were to personally take the material to the FBI Laboratory for examination.

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C. An address book with the name JUDITH COPLON appearing on the first page, which contained the following names and addresses:

HANNAH ANNIS  
telephone number WO-9827

Dr. HERMAN BERNSTEIN  
5430 Connecticut Avenue  
telephone number WO-5045

SARAH BECKER  
705 18th N.W.  
EX 4700 - Extension 310

PERRY MAE BARNES  
501 23rd N.W.  
DI-5513

DAVID R. BOOKSTAVEN  
3363-B South Wakefield  
Fairlington, Va.

HARRY BECKER  
Alban Towers  
Wisc. and Mass.



BEA BRAUDE  
Paris-Dinard  
29 Rue Casette  
(off Rue de Rennes)

MAURICE BORST  
73 Warrington  
Crescent  
Maida-Vale  
London W 9

CLAUDE BEAULIEU  
3679 Lavell Avenue  
Montreal, Canada

17 Rue Campagne-Premiere  
Paris 14

COPLON & SON  
1133 Broadway, Room 536  
WA 4-2620

COPLON  
178 Ocean Parkway  
Apartment E-11, GEDney 8-1048

COPLON  
525 E. 89th St., NYC  
ATwater 9-4491

ANN COPLON  
547 Park Avenue  
Albany, New York  
Albany 2-9425

AL COPLON  
117-01 Park Lane South  
Kew Gardens, Long Island  
VI 7-4117

MAX COPLON  
6036 25th Avenue  
Kenosha, Wisc.

BERT - same address

Mrs. RUSSELL COLE  
851 So. Windemere  
Littleton, Colorado

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CHILLUM CLEANERS  
5020 Rock Cr. Ch. Rd. N.E.  
GE -6668

COLUMBIA UNIV. Library  
M-F 9-5:30  
Sat. 9-12  
Closed Sunday

DEVELOPIX  
P.O. Box 146, Madison Sq. Station  
New York 9, NY



FAIRMAC CORP.  
3811 Porter St., N.W.  
\$34.50 per MO

Dr. JULIUS FOGEL  
1726 M St., N.W.  
ME -4114

GROUP HEALTH ASSOCIATION, INC.  
1328 Eye St., N.W.  
Extension 8000

HECHT'S  
WA -5100



DOROTHY and LESLIE HARREL  
RAF Club (Squadron 128,  
Piccadilly Leader)  
London W 1

AL HUDSON  
3230 N St., N.W., Apartment 2  
AD -4322

JESSIE HENRY  
156 L St., S.E.

JEFFERSON HARRIS  
3685 38th St., N.W., Room 135  
OR -3530 - House Manager  
WO -9871 - Floor



LENVIN  
TE -3537

LUPMAN  
2061 E. 33rd St.  
Brooklyn  
ES 6-3549

MARCIA and GIL LESSER  
BO 3-4925  
14435 76th Ave.  
Flushing, NYC

LEE  
Office number - Union 7713

Dr. ALTON and LEE MEISTER  
5804 Walnut Rd.  
Bethesda  
OL -2329

(In connection with this address  
it is noted that the address  
3404 C St., N.E. had been written  
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FLO MORSE  
309 Avenue C  
NYC  
OR 3-4426

JESSE MAC KNIGHT  
5308 Moreland Lane  
Bethesda, Md.  
(telephone number SL -8932  
was written, but crossed out)

HELEN NESEL  
120 Genesee Avenue  
Paterson, N.J.  
Van Howten 4-2350 R

MAC LEAN GARDENS  
OR -6622

MC GRAW HILL  
Night  
RE -6639 (O)

ISMENE MICROUTSICOS  
1461 Girard St., N.W.

LOU MENZER  
1569 42nd St., S.E.  
VI -9180



ERNEST NASH  
50 Manhattan Avenue  
RI 9-6621  
(102 CPW)

Dr. HAROLD PEPPARD  
104 E. 40th Street  
NYC  
MU 3-2247

PHILIP PAVIA  
53 W. 8th Street  
NYC  
GRamercy 5-5864

PHELPS BAGS  
17 East 48th Street  
Murray Hill 8-1722

MORT POMERANZ  
SH -5232



MINNIE and MORT RAFF  
559 Orange Street  
New Haven 11, Connecticut

REID HALL  
4 Rue de Chevreuse  
Paris  
(Miss DOROTHY E. PEET,  
President)



LORRAINE RELANDER  
Route No. 3, Box 2  
149 Yakima  
Washington

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SADIE and DAVE STENER  
284 Van Nostrand Avenue  
Jersey City 5



DORA SANDER  
4206 Kaywood Drive  
Maryland  
UN -0280




SEIDMAN  
1820 Avenue N  
DE 9-3496




ANDRE SCHINDLER  
Hotel Recamier

Hotel Recamier  
3 Bis. Place,  
ST  
Sulpice  
Paris 6





HAROLD SHAPIRO  
1906 R Street, N.W.  
Hudson 9499  
(The address 2019 O St., N.W.,  
DU 5460, had been written and  
crossed out)

STEVENS  
DI -0155



ERIKA THIMEY  
2012 P Street, N.W.  
HO -7991

TEXTILE WEAVING COMPANY  
811 13th St., N.W.



WIENSTOCK  
1862 E. 14th Street  
NI 5-2159

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DORIS WRIGLEY  
1917 G Street, N.W.  
Apartment 3  
EX -8321

ROSE and HARRY ZWICK  
1205 Avenue R  
DE 9-4066

MIMI and BUDDY ZWICK  
675 Empire Boulevard

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D. Black leather diary for the year 1949, on which was stamped the number E 423/5 and which contained the name JUDITH COPLON and the following entries therein:

January 14 - "U.P. Item for selective — misleading -- NYC — Olives (Black)"

January 16 - "H. S. Birthday" (This was scratched out)

January 17 - "120 Bway - Wall Street - 7th - Lex-Wall, Beach train - 6:30"

January 19 - "Taft - \$6.30 - put date of reservation"

January 20 - [ ] - EVE - Shopping"

January 21 - "NEME-SEYMAN-EVE - Call MORTY P. Call [ ]  
[ ] (This entry scratched out)

January 22 - "SID-EVE-SEYMAN - 2 or 3 - 3 - Lord and Taylor Info Desk" (This was scratched out)

January 24 - "Write MORT - Call JOE - VAT JV-JW. Black Label ".  
(With the exception of "Write MORT" above was scratched out)

January 29 - "Dr. BERNSTEIN, 11:45 " (This was scratched out)

January 26 - "Call Chillun" (illegible)

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January 30 - "Return 'The Gallery' to BERNIE"  
(Above entry scratched out)

February 2 - "Get card for SUSAN"  
(Above entry scratched out)

February 3 - "12 - Dr. SHERLIN - Get card for SUSAN"

February 4 - "SELMER PHOTO FRAME (KATHERINE)"

February 9 - "Instant dew, shields, black garter, evaporated milk, bread"

February 15- "10 $\frac{1}{4}$  - 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

February 16- "Dr. HIRSCH 12:15, 1835 I St., EX 1588, RE 4600"

February 17- "Dr. BERNSTEIN recommend"

February 18- "Get two tickets for show. [REDACTED] Call MARCIA".

February 19- [REDACTED] - F train, last stop, change to E - one stop, 169th St. - Q 30 bus - every half hour - Fresh Meadows, middle stop - second stop".

February 24- "12 -Dr. HIRSCH - Amourenit (illegible)  
NU -157  
(Unassembled)"

February 26- "ALICE DEMERJIAN - RE 5600  
EX 4603

STELLA HANNAN  
Cornered (illegible)  
EX3512

BETTY WINN, FSA  
EX 3967

Barnard  
Alumnae

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March 1 - "12:45 Nanking Rest.  
4:30 - Dr. FOGEL"

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March 5 - "Mr. and Mrs. LOUIS AZRAEL, 912 19th N.W."

March 6 - "Curtains for [ ] - height and width - 60x72  
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March 7 - "12 - Dr. HIRSCH"

March 8 - "Clear hearing crystal 8/9 smaller size (last year)"

March 10- "1:30 -Dr. FOGEL"

March 15- "7:30 - Trolly Hotel Raleigh"

At the back of the diary on a page headed "Earnings and Withholding Tax" were the following notations:

"C 146  
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782  
E 781  
783  
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(All of the above was scratched out with the exception of 782, E, and 4.)

On a page headed "January Cash Account" was the following:

"Furniture	
Previously expended	\$23.25
<u>"12/25/48 (Word scratched out)"</u>	
	\$23.25
100 Tr. 1/14	15.50"

On a page headed "December Cash Account" appeared:

"20 - 87  
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On the last page of the diary was the notation:

" Furniture - 450  
Paid - 1948 - 50"

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E. Pocket sized check book on the Lincoln National Bank, Washington, D.C., with the following notations on the stubs:

Check No. 1 - Dated January 25, 1949, in the amount of \$20.90, to The Hecht Company, for bill. Balance brought forward \$400; amount of this check \$20.90; balance \$379.10.

Check No. 2 - Dated February 2, 1949, in the amount of \$34.50, to Fairmac Corp.. Balance brought forward \$379.10; amount of this check \$34.50; balance \$344.60.

Check No. 3 - Dated February 3, 1949, in the amount of \$15, to Y (illegible) Peoples R (illegible) for S (illegible) Records. Balance brought forward \$344.60; amount of this check \$15; balance \$329.60.

Check No. 4 - Dated February 4, 1949, in the amount of \$6.48, to Chesapeake and Potomoc Teleph. Co. Balance brought forward \$329.60; amount of this check \$6.48; balance \$323.12.

Check No. 5 - Dated February 4, 1949, to Chillum Cleaners, in the amount of \$1.50. Balance brought forward \$323.12; amount of this check \$1.50; balance \$321.62.

Check No. 6 - Dated February 24, 1949, to Group Health, for dues, January and February. Balance brought forward \$321.62; amount deposited \$120; total \$441.62; amount of this check \$30; balance \$411.62. Under the figure \$411.62 is the figure \$7, and on the left margin is the figure \$404.62.

Check No. 7 - Dated March 1, 1949, in the amount of \$34.50, to Fairmac Corp. for rent. Balance brought forward \$404.62; amount of this check \$34.50; balance \$370.12.

Check No. 8 - Dated March 2, 1949, in the amount of \$15, to Dr. HIRSCH, Dentist. Balance brought forward \$370.12; amount of this check \$15; balance \$355.12.

On the stub of unused check No. 9 is the entry "Balance brought forward - \$355.12; amount deposited \$40; total \$395.12". There are fifteen remaining unused checks in this book; the last two checks in the book have been removed and there are no entries on these two stubs.

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F. Identification card dated September 25, 1947 reflecting JUDITH COPLON was enrolled in the following classes at the American University School of Social Science and Public Affairs, 1901 -11 F Street, N.W.: Seminar - Intl. Organization - Potter; Government and Politics of Russia - Atwater.

G. 2x3 Card of Marianne et Fils French Restaurant, 332 West 45th Street, New York, on the back of which is printed in pencil "JEAN CONSTANT, 357 West 52nd Street, NYC".

H. 2x3 Identification Card issued by the Group Health Association, Inc., 2529 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., reflecting that JUDITH COPLON, Register Number 7225-X, is a member of the Hospitalization Plan.

I. A library card, Number W 36035, issued by the Public Library, Washington, D.C., to JUDITH COPLON, 2634 Tunlaw Road, N.W., indicating the card was good until May 10, 1951. The address of COPLON was crossed out by pen and in ink was written the address 3685 38th Street, N.W., Jefferson Hall.

J. Social Security Card issued July 1, 1940 to JUDITH COPLON, Social Security Number 088-12-6917.

K. Identification Card issued by the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., Number A-5819, to JUDITH COPLON, who is employed in the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. The card was dated January 29, 1947 and reflected that she was entitled to access to the building on presentation of the card.

L. Bank Book issued by the Lincoln National Bank of Washington, D.C. to JUDITH COPLON, reflecting the following deposits:

January 25, 1949 - \$400  
February 4, 1949 - \$ 60  
February 18, 1949 - \$ 60  
March 4, 1949 - \$ 40

M. Charge-a-Plate Number 453495 P-A-3, issued by the Hecht Company, Washington, D.C. to JUDITH COPLON, 3685 38th Street, N.W., Washington 16, D.C.

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## N. The following personal items:

- 1 pair of light blue framed glasses, on the case of which is the address of the Manhattan Optical Company, 191 Canal Street, New York City.
- 1 optical cloth, on which is written Manhattan Optical Company, 191 Canal Street, New York City.
- 1 box of face powder, on the case of which is written Ponds Angel Face.
- 1 Irresistible Lipstick, shade Pink Orchid
- 1 Coach Ticket, Number CF-42041, which is good for one passage in either direction on the Pennsylvania Railroad between New York and Washington, D.C. On the back is stamped "Washington Terminal Company, March 4, 1949".
- 1 book of stamps containing five 3 cent stamps
- 1 book of stamps containing 24 one cent stamps
- 1 black perfume atomizer
- 1 black Schaeffer fountain pen
- 1 book of matches
- 1 black (Lido) comb
- 1 key chain containing 9 keys
- 1 2x3 mirror
- 1 emery board
- 1 red French type wallet (leather)
- 3 used Kleenex tissues
- 1 empty Kleenex tissues pocket pack
- 1 safety pin
- 2 bobby pins

The following denominations in U.S. currency and coins totaling \$57.27 were taken from subject COPLON'S purse at the time of arrest: three \$10 bills; five \$5 bills; two \$1 bills; three nickels; one dime; two pennies. The money was counted in the presence of COPLON and placed in sealed envelope.

Also at the time of arrest COPLON had in her possession the book entitled "All Thy Conquests" by ALFRED HAYES, which was copyrighted in 1946, Howell, Soskin, Publishers. On the first page inside the book was written in pen "B. MORRIS".

After examining the contents of the purse carried by subject COPLON, Miss SAPHO MANOS and Miss GENEVIEVE CHARA, Nurse, of the New York Office, made a complete physical search of COPLON, but found nothing of interest to this investigation.

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Upon the completion of the search of COPLON which ended at 11:12 p.m. she was then fingerprinted, photographed and taken to Conference Room "G" on the 6th Floor of the U. S. Court House arriving there at 11:35 p.m. There the interview of COPLON was commenced and present in the room were Special Agents Roger W. Robinson, T. Scott Miller, Jr., and Brewer Wilson, together with Miss Sappho Manos and Miss Genevieve Chara.

COPLON was advised that she need not answer any questions if she did not so desire and if she did, anything she said would be used against her in Court. Further, she could obtain the services of an attorney if she so desired.

COPLON was first asked her name, to which she answered, "No comment". She was then asked where she lived, to which she answered "No comment." Agent Miller then asked her where she worked and she gave the same answer. She was questioned concerning her knowledge of the man with whom she had been arrested, but she gave the same answer, "No comment", to all questions. When she was questioned about her background, her parents, her education, her answer to all questions was the same. She was asked if she would sign a waiver of search for her home in Washington or in New York to which she said that she would not.

COPLON was questioned concerning her activities in the neighborhood of 193rd Street and Broadway on the instant evening, but she gave the same answer. She would not state that she had arrived in New York City from Washington on the instant date.

After some time COPLON stated that she would answer certain questions for the agents, but wanted it understood that the only information she was giving the agents was that which they could obtain from various public records.

She stated that she was born on May 17, 1921, at Brooklyn, New York. Her father is SAMUEL MORRIS COPLON, age 69, and is a retired businessman. She stated that he formerly operated the S. M. COPLON & SON CO., New York City, with offices on Broadway. She

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said that this concern was a factory representative for toys. She stated her mother was REBECCA MOROH COPLON, age 57. She stated her parents resided at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. COPLON stated that her full name was JUDITH COPLON and that the only time she could recall ever using a middle name was possibly in college, where she used the middle name of MOROH, but that she had never used this as a middle name officially.

Relative to her education, COPLON gave the following information:

Elementary School - P.s.#197 and P.S. #206 both Brooklyn, N.Y.

High School - James Madison H.S., Brooklyn, N.Y. Graduated 1939.

College - Barnard College, September 1939 to June 1943, graduating cum laude with a BA degree majoring in History.

American University, starting in the Spring semester, 1946 and attending there off and on until the Spring of 1948.

George Washington Law School - Attended seven nights but decided not to continue studies.

Relative to COPLON'S employment record, she gave the following information:

Summer, 1940 - Summer camp as counsellor, in Pittsfield, Mass.

Summer, 1941 - Camp Wayne, a summer camp in Wayne County, Pa., as counsellor.

June 1943 - January 15 (or 16) 1945 - Department of Justice, Economic Warfare Section, War Division, New York City, as an Expert-Jr. Economist.

January 1945 to present - Foreign Agents Registration Section, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., as a Political Analyst.

COPLON stated that while in college she had several NYA jobs.

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COPLON gave the following previous residences:

Age 4 to December 1943 -- 2506 Ave. S., Brooklyn, N.Y.

December 1943- February 1945.- 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y.

February 1945 to May 1945.- Varnum St., NW, Washington, D.C. in a private home which was a rooming house, operated under the National Housing Authority.

May 1945 to May 1948 - 2634 Tunlaw Rd. NW, Washington, D. C., living alone in an apartment house.

May 4 to July 1948 - Went abroad to Europe. She left around May 28, 1948 on a TWA plane to Paris. She went on a tour conducted by the Blue Cars Ltd., which is a subsidiary of Cook's Tours. The tour took about two weeks, during which time they visited France, Switzerland, northern Italy and returned to Paris. She stayed in Paris until around July 10th or 11th, and then traveled to Rome and Florence, Italy. She returned to Paris and the next day sailed for the U.S. aboard the SS. WISCONSIN which is a French Line ship. She stated she was on annual leave during this period inasmuch as she had taken very little annual leave while employed with the government.

July 1948 to present - MacLean Gardens, Washington, D.C.

COPLON was questioned concerning her relatives, at which time she identified the following individuals as being related to her:

Sister-in-law - SHIRLEY SEIDMAN COPLON, who is married to her brother, BERTRAM COPLON. They have one child.

Uncle - PETER J. MOROH, her mother's brother. He is a widower residing in Englewood, N.J. He was formerly in the men's tailoring business and is now retired. He has

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two children, [ ] who is married to [ ] the two residing in [ ] N.J. He is in the radio manufacturing business in New Jersey. Peter's other child is [ ] who is married to [ ] and the two reside in [ ] Pa.

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- Aunt - MRS. ROSE ZWICK, mother's sister, who resides with her husband HARRY ZWICK on Avenue R, in Brooklyn. He is in the printing business and has one son [ ] who resides with his wife [ ] aka, [ ] in Brooklyn.
- Aunt - MRS. MAY WEINSTOCK, mother's sister, who resides in Brooklyn, with her husband SIDNEY. They have two children, a son [ ] and a daughter [ ]
- Aunt - Mother's sister, SADIE STEMER, who is married to DAVID S. STEMER who resides in Jersey City, N.J. He is an attorney. They have one daughter, [ ] who is married to [ ] N.J., and is an engineer.
- Aunt - Mother's sister, EMEA MOROH who resides with Judith's mother and father in Brooklyn, N.Y.
- Aunt - FANNIE M. LUPIAN (now deceased) who was married to FRANK LUPIAN. They had one son [ ] who resides with his father in Brooklyn, N.Y.
- Uncle - Her father's brother, MAX COPLON (recently deceased) who resided in Chicago and Milwaukee. His wife's name is ROSE. They had a son named BERTRAM who is married and is either living in Chicago or Milwaukee and a daughter [ ] (ph) who is married to a man who COPLON believes is named [ ]

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- Aunt - Father's sister JULIA COPLON KAYE, who is married to HARRY KAYE and resides in Albany, N.Y. They have two children, [redacted] who resides in N.Y.C. with his wife [redacted]
- Aunt - ETTA COPLON SAUNDERS (possibly SANDERS) who resides in Arlington, Va. Her husband LOUIE, now deceased, was in the U.S. Navy. They had no children.
- Uncle - Father's half-brother ALFRED COPLON, who resides with his wife ETHEL in Kew Gardens, L.I., N.Y. He is a salesman for some clothing firm.
- Aunt - Father's step-sister SALLY BERNSTEIN, who resides with her husband in either Albany or Schenectady, N.Y.

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During the questioning of COPLON, a receipt was being typed up, setting out the property that had been taken from her. Another receipt, specifically setting out the amount of money which had been taken from her, was typed. Agent MILLER signed both receipts and requested COPLON to sign both of them and added that the original of both would be given to COPLON. COPLON stated that she would not sign either receipt and would not accept the signed receipt from Agent MILLER, and, further, objected to Agent MILLER signing the receipts. She qualified this statement by adding that she would not do any of this without consulting an attorney. These receipts were witnessed by Special Agents WILSON and ROBINSON and are being maintained in the files of the New York Office.

At 2:25 a.m. upon the instructions of RAYMOND P. WHEARTY, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, no further questions were asked of COPLON. Between that time and 4:43 a.m. and the agents' and female employees' association with her consisted mainly of guard duty.

During the time that COPLON was in Conference Room "C" she was taken to the ladies' rest room several times by the female employees and was provided with water, coffee and offered food. Miss COPLON was also asked if she desired to accompany the nurse to an appropriate place where she could lie down and rest but she refused.

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At 4:43 a.m. COPLON was taken to the chambers of Judge SIMON H. RIFKIND where Judge RIFKIND acquainted COPLON and GUBITCHEV with the nature of the charge against them. COPLON stated she desired counsel. Therefore, the arraignment was adjourned until such time as COPLON could obtain an attorney.

COPLON was taken back to Conference Room "C" where she telephonically communicated with LESTER LEVIN, a New York attorney, who agreed to come to the U. S. Court House immediately.

Upon Mr. LEVIN'S arrival he had a brief conference with COPLON, and at approximately 6:36 a.m. COPLON was again taken to Judge RIFKIND'S chambers where Mr. LEVIN requested an adjournment until 11 a.m. so that more experienced counsel could be obtained for COPLON. Judge RIFKIND placed a \$10,000 bail on COPLON until that time, and remanded her to the custody of the FBI pending the 11 a.m. arraignment. The proceedings at the 11 o'clock arraignment will be set forth in another part of this report.

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MR. WHEARTY had [redacted] with a subpoena to appear before the Grand Jury on March 7, 1949.

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SEARCH AND INTERVIEW OF VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV

VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV was interviewed by Special Agents Robert J. Wirth and Thomas J. McAndrews in the presence of Special Agent Daniel F. Garde, who maintained the log of the events of the evening of March 4, 1949, following the arrest of VALENTINE GUBITCHEV.

At 10:06 P.M., March 4, 1949, GOUBITCHEV was searched by Special Agents Robert J. Wirth and Thomas J. McAndrews and the following material was obtained during the search:

- One package of aspergum.
- One partially used package of peppermints.
- One cellophane hat protector.
- One 25 cent piece.
- Four one dollar bills bearing Serial Nos. F-15903730-E, D-51800237-E, I-76916307-E, K-50539850-E.
- One key identified by the number 76F18
- One key from the Independent Lock Company bearing number 1022
- One Yale key bearing no identifying number
- One Everfeed automatic pencil
- One Parker 51 pen
- One package of dental floss.
- One wristwatch identified by the inscription on its face "15 jewels" "Swiss made" and bearing the inscription on the rear "Fondacier inoxydable 22". This watch is circular, has a gold face and a brown leather strap.
- One tie clip
- One comb
- One belt
- One handkerchief
- One pair of sleeve garters
- One collar stay
- One tie clasp.

The following material was taken from subject GUBITCHEV on his arrest at 9:37 P.M. between 15th and 16th Streets on Third Avenue, New York. This material was taken by Special Agent Robert R. Granville, one of the arresting officers at the time GUBITCHEV was arrested:

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1. A Marquette Junior Diary for 1949. This diary contains the following notations:

Before January 1, 1949	"62 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "145 $\frac{1}{2}$ "												
For Friday, January 14, 1949	the entry "325 / 50 / 75 / 20" appears.												
For Saturday, January 15, 1949	The Russian inscription translated to read "to take paper" (s?)												
Thursday, January 20, 1949	Russian inscription translated "to buy shirt" and an unintelligible phrase followed by the word "necktie".												
Sunday, January 23, 1949	A Russian phrase translated as "to find out about salt ammonium"												
Tuesday, February 1, 1949	A Russian phrase translated as "about fur coat".												
Friday, February 4, 1949	A Russian phrase illegibly written.												
Wednesday, February 16, 1949	The number "4" or "9".												
Thursday, March 3, 1949	An illegible entry.												
Sunday, March 6, 1949	An illegible entry.												
Monday, March 7, 1949	A Russian phrase translated as "rubber overshoes".												
Saturday, March 12, 1949	An entry appears as "205. 62 and sev". Translation has indicated the "205" may refer to the hour. What appears to be the numerals "2923".												
Saturday, May 21, 1949	A Russian phrase partially translated as "Mr. Bloomind".												
Tuesday, May 31, 1949	A Russian phrase translated as												
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Thursday, June 2, 1949

"1. 4.45  
2. 6.00  
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4. 7.35  
24.25"

Immediately beneath this notation appears the Russian phrase "about a place on ship".

Sunday, June 5, 1949

A Russian phrase translated as "Columbus 7.40". The remaining Russian characters could not be deciphered.

Sunday, December 18, 1949

The Russian phrase translated "top coat - fur coat \$800.00 fur coat \$250.00, rain coat \$35.00, ----, 100, total \$1200."

Monday, December 19, 1949

The Russian phrase translated as: "black 70 point? - 65 point gray - 70 point" with an apparent total of 200 points.

Tuesday, December 20-21, 1949

A Russian phrase translated as "shoes 1.10; underwear 65; blankets 60; shirts, etc. - 60;" having a total of 700.

Thursday, December 22, 1949

Undecipherable.

Saturday, December 31, 1949

Appears name SCHMIDERER, KI 9-8399, ROBERT SOBLE, Circle Medical Group, #9-03, telephone no. EN 2-3240 and address 41 West 72nd St.

The following addresses are set forth in the section of the diary devoted to addresses:

GRIGORIY SAMOLIOV  
TA 3-9313 - Yuri Vlad.

SWARTSMAN  
Telephone No. WI 7-0500.

PRAGER MADIGAN-HYLAND  
28-09 L.I., 412 (one).

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HELLBURN - book

MO 4-1180

SYSKA G. HELLESY

MO 4-2860

ALEXANDROV

CI 5-4250

GEVORI P.A.

RI 9-0136

Ext. 8349

MATTSON, JIDNEY

24 Rue Solar Place (7e)

VASIA - St.

SOLN TSEV,  
Kursk Dist.Representation Republic 7-8300  
(680 Park Avenue),

BURJAR

260 West 39th Street - leather coat

SPIZEL

245 West 27th Street - fur coat

ALTORG

381? Madison Avenue

LE 2-8500

UN - 405 East 42nd Street

New York 17, New York

ROG OZH (?)

Corner red kur? 9, Apt. 4

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MAROGOV; Moscow  
Oruz Kevnig  
Prosp 25A Apartment 14

SCUHIMOV; m 55  
Suschebsky 22, Apt. 11  
Telephone N-13345.

Easy, thor, re; Philco.

Passport: 12032  
Mine issued 4/10/46  
Visa issue (7) #202, 12070  
wife's issued 4/10/46  
Visa 3/7/43

14665  
Villa 4/1/48  
Washington

G. SCHWORTZMAN  
370 East 52nd Street  
EV 5-5844.

EL 5-0439  
S. M. MOOLF

TA 3-5805  
VLADILIR

2. One United Nation's letter of appointment dated September 26, 1946, to VALENTINE GUBITCHEV, 158 West 106th Street, Apt. 4W, New York City.

3. One United Nation's application form P-11 revised May 10, 1946, bearing the address Robert Fulton Hotel, 228 East 71st Street, New York City.

4. One United Nation's travel authorization and travel advance request for VALENTINE GUBITCHEV and wife,

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5. One form identified as "organization des nations unies notice personnel, form P-11, dated January 11, 1947.

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6. One deposit slip for February 9, 1949, Chemical Bank and Trust Company for VALENTINE GUBITCHEV in the amount of \$537.93.

7. One deposit/<sup>slip</sup> dated February 23, 1949 for VALENTINE GUBITCHEV, Chemical Bank and Trust Company in the amount of \$382.75.

8. One statement of earnings and deductions.

9. One document in Russian identified by the numbers P/A888, setting forth a list of funds. This has been translated as a list of expenses paid by the Soviet Foreign Department for the travel of GUBITCHEV from June 29, 1946. This statement indicated that GUBITCHEV received \$650.00, 2,000 French francs as well as plane fare from Moscow to Paris in the amount 1,024.53, the latter does not specify whether in dollars, francs or rubles.

10. One partial bank statement, dated February 1, 1949 containing the balance as of February 28, 1949 of \$1,537.43.

11. One sheet of paper headed "facing tile" bearing the inscription in handwriting "(structural glazed; unglazed)"

1. Facing Tile institute affiliated with Structural Clay Products Institute,
2. Hanley (Structural) G.
3. Natco (structural).

12. One card from Moxelle Furs, 32-34 Division Street, New York City.

13. One order slip dated ----26, 1949 in the name of V. GUBITCHEV, address 210 Madison Avenue #1926 from the Burjac Sportswear, Inc., 260 West 39th Street, New York City. This order slip apparently for an overcoat.

14. One partially torn document bearing number 128 in Russian, translated as Embassy, USSR Mission of USSR Consulate General of USSR, Receipt #128, November 5, 1946, received from GOUBITCHEV, V. for reimbursement of travels to New York and for living expenses in New York through (unintelligible) July 1, 1946 - \$1,700.46 in American money, signed A. PODKOZ in charge of correspondence accounting worker printing office of "Commune" of order 775.

15. One document in Russian bearing #1046 translated as representation of the USSR to organization of the United Nations, City of New York, receipt #1046, December 27, 1948, received from Comrade GOUBITCHEV, V. for repayment of debt in connection with travel to the place of employment in the Secretariat of organization of United Nations, the sum of 210 American dollars signed PODKOLZIN check #158.

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16. One statement of earnings and deductions bearing the number three written in ink in the upper right hand corner.

17. One check book for the Chemical Bank and Trust Company having blank stubs for February 24, 1949 made out in the name of "Regent \$30.60"; one stub #177, dated March 3, 1949, made out to cash in the amount of \$50.00.

18. One form #F10 revised 15 July 1946, United Nations Bureau of the Comptroller setting out schedule of expenditures for VALENTINE GUBITCHEV in the amount of \$1,188.50.

19. One calling card from Pine Luggage, 408 Eighth Avenue.

20. One calling card from Sak's 34th Street, with name H. GOTTHELF.

21. One calling card from Macy's, Herald Square, New York, C. HENDERSON, manager of Appliance Department.

22. One calling card from Macy's, M. SCHREIER, Men's Clothing.

23. One calling card from Levine and Smith bearing the name M. COHEN.

24. One calling card from Russek's, Fifth Avenue, bearing name J. WOOLF, with numbers 11087 \$.1200.

25. One calling card S. F. Hauswirth - Furs, 2800 Broadway.

26. One calling card Harry Dinkin, Men's Tailor, 64 West 48th Street, PL 7-1443.

27. One calling card Peerless Camera Stores, Inc., 138 East 44th Street, New York, carrying illegible writing on the rear.

28. One slip of paper bearing address 216 East Broadway.

29. One cellophane card holder containing the following items:

a. United Nations identification card for VALENTINE GUBITCHEV.

b. One 3x6 slip bearing #3612 from the Service Department, Government Purchasing Commission of the Soviet Union in the USA.

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- c. One calling card, Brenner Bros. bearing the name SONIA STARR and in Russian the inscription on the rear "Dr. ROSA MOISCIERINA STAROSHKLOVSKAYA, Leningrad Highway, 40-75, the Fourth Hospital Surgical Department.
- d. One calling card of GEORGE SCHWARTZMAN bearing the address on the rear, 1331 Madison Avenue near 97th Street, Apt. 6D, telephone AT 9-7850.
- e. One order blank from Adelson and Segall.
- f. One receipt from the Associated Group Optical Plan, Inc., 125 Fulton St., New York 7, New York.
- g. One identification card for VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV from the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York.
- h. One hospital service identification card from the Associated Hospital Service of New York.
- i. One calling card from the W. C. Williams Corporation, 224 West 49th Street.
- j. One identification tab bearing #017570.
- k. One calling card from Adelson and Segall.
- l. One calling card from ALLEN A. BELENKY, Md., 38 Central Park South, New York.
- m. One calling card from D. STEFAN, 78 Mott Street, New York.
- n. One receipt from Brenner Bros., 60 Division Street in the amount of \$173.15.
- o. One calling card from W. C. Williams Corp. bearing the handwritten inscription on the rear, 16 East 43rd Street, Gary Utilities, 5th floor, Mr. WINTHROP.
- p. One receipt from NORMAN M. MORRIS, INC. for the repair of a wristwatch in the amount of \$9.75.
- q. One 4x6 sheet of paper carrying inscription Mr. AXEL NORDIN, Baggage Master, Swedish-American Lines, Gothenburg, Sweden.

30. \$125.00 contained in a white envelope. Denominations of the currency are as follows:

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One \$5.00 Bill, Serial B 21477093 C  
One \$10.00 Bill, Serial B 26107583 D  
One \$10.00 Bill, Serial A 88647757 A  
One \$10.00 Bill, Serial C 51464889 B  
One \$10.00 Bill, Serial A 08803336 B  
One \$10.00 Bill, Serial B 05819379 D  
One \$10.00 Bill, Serial B 11731002 D  
One \$10.00 Bill, Serial B 21385884 E  
One \$10.00 Bill, Serial K 40076590 A  
One \$10.00 Bill, Serial B 85285894 C  
One \$10.00 Bill, Serial B 60731392 D  
One \$20.00 Bill, Serial B 13928876 B

GUBITCHEV was then photographed and fingerprinted.

Interview Concerning Gubitchev's  
Association With Coplon

At 10:55 P.M., March 4, 1949, the interview with GUBITCHEV was begun by the above mentioned agents who identified themselves to GUBITCHEV. At 11:00 P.M., March 4, 1949, GUBITCHEV was advised that he was not obliged to make any statement; that any statement he did make would be used in court against him and that he was entitled to retain an attorney if he desired one.

GUBITCHEV advised that he understood his rights as outlined above. GUBITCHEV furnished his name, address, occupation, the identity of his wife and daughter and declined to answer any other questions concerning his activities on March 4, 1949 unless a representative of his country was present to give official approval to GUBITCHEV to answer these questions. GUBITCHEV refused to answer any question involving his activities on the day or evening of March 4, 1949. He stated that he did not know the identity of the young lady in whose company he was observed by Bureau agents on the evening of March 4, 1949, and who has been identified by Bureau agents as JUDITH COPLON.

In this connection GUBITCHEV stated that he had never known any person by the name of JUDITH COPLON. GUBITCHEV stated that he had never seen this woman during the evening of March 4, 1949 prior to his arrest. He also stated that he had never seen JUDITH COPLON at any time prior to his arrest.

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GUBITCHEV refused to enter into any discussion of the subject COPLON. He stated that he had never engaged in any espionage or other illegal activity and advised that he had never been employed by any intelligence service. GUBITCHEV did state that the \$125.00 found in an envelope on his person at the time of the search was his money which he intended to use for the purchase of household goods. In view of GUBITCHEV'S refusal to answer any questions concerning his association with COPLON on March 4, 1949 or prior thereto the balance of the interview was devoted to obtaining GUBITCHEV'S background information which GUBITCHEV freely volunteered to the interviewing agents. The interview with GUBITCHEV was terminated on the specific instructions of RAYMOND WHEARTY, a Special Assistant to the Attorney General, at 2:37 A.M., March 5, 1949.

The period between 2:37 A.M. and GUBITCHEV'S initial appearance before USDJ RIFKIND at 4:48 A.M., March 5, 1949, was devoted to making GUBITCHEV comfortable by offering him food, rest and requesting his signature on receipts of property removed from his person.

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The following is the background information that GUBITCHEV volunteered to Special Agents Thomas J. McAndrews and Robert J. Wirth:

He advised that his full name is VALENTINE ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV, b6 and that he had never used any other names; that he was born June 24, 1916 at b7C Orel, USSR, and that his wife, [REDACTED] USSR. He stated that he married his wife, [REDACTED] in 1933 at Leningrad, and that they have one child, a daughter, [REDACTED] who was born in [REDACTED] USSR. He advised that he has no living relatives other than his wife and daughter, and explained this by stating that all of them had passed away from natural causes during World War II. He further advised that his wife was an orphan and had no living relatives other than he, GUBITCHEV, and child, [REDACTED]

He stated that he enrolled at the Leningrad Institute For Civil Engineering in 1934; that he attended this institute for six years, studying Civil Engineering, and that he also attended English courses during his first three years of attendance at the institute. He advised that he graduated in 1940 and was immediately assigned to the Ministry of Construction; that his duties with the Ministry of Construction were the building of housing projects and factories. He stated that he was so employed until 1944, and during this tenure of employment, was assigned to work in the Ural Region of the USSR.

He explained that he was exempt from military service in the USSR armed forces during World War II as he was "a qualified man" and as such was assigned to work for which he was trained. GUBITCHEV stated that in 1944 he went to Moscow in order to complete his education, where he enrolled in the Moscow Civil Construction Engineering School, which school he attended, studying Civil Engineering until the middle of 1945. According to GUBITCHEV, at that time he was selected by the Personnel Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for duty with the USSR diplomatic service. He advised that he was selected for this duty as it was known that he had studied English for three years at the Leningrad Institute and had also continued home study of the English language.

GUBITCHEV stated that his knowledge of English was the only reason he knew of for his selection by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for diplomatic service. He stated that he was first assigned to clerical duties at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Moscow. Early in 1946 he was made a Third Secretary in the USSR diplomatic service, but continued his clerical

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duties for some time.

In this connection, he stated he had never attended a special school wherein he was trained for his diplomatic work or related work, and again reiterated that the only advanced formal education he had received was at the Leningrad Institute For Civil Engineering, and the Moscow Civil Construction Engineering School.

He continued by stating that in the Spring of 1946, a member of the Personnel Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, whose name he did not know, asked him if he, GUBITCHEV, would like to accept employment in the United States as a UN employee. According to GUBITCHEV, he didn't want to accept employment with the UN, but was later advised that it had been so arranged, and that he would be employed as an engineer by the UN. He advised that he, together with his wife, [redacted] arrived at the Port of New York as passengers aboard the SS WASHINGTON, on July 20, 1946; that they were travelling on diplomatic passports and diplomatic visas issued by the American Embassy at Moscow, USSR. In this connection, he stated that this was his first assignment outside of the USSR, and that, in fact, he had never been outside the USSR prior to the date of this departure for the United States.

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He stated that when he and his family first arrived in the United States they resided at the Robert Fulton Hotel, 228 East 71st Street, New York City; that thereafter they resided at several addresses which he could not remember, for short periods of time, but that they finally took an apartment in the Spring of 1947, at the corner of 110th Street and Riverside Drive, where they resided for several months. He advised that they then moved to an apartment at 158 West 106th Street, New York City, where they resided until August of 1948. He stated that in August of 1948 his daughter, [redacted] returned to Russia to complete her education. He advised that he does not know [redacted] address, but that she is attending a boarding school which is operated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Moscow. He stated that when he or his wife write to their daughter, they address the mail in care of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Moscow, USSR. In this connection, he stated that a friend of theirs recently arrived from Moscow and had seen his daughter, and that she was well. He refused to name this individual, but it is noted that a friend of the GUBITCHEV family, one ALEXEI KUZMICH SHUBNIKOV, who, according to the Telephone Directory of the UN, dated February 1, 1949, is a UN employee, of the Department of Economic Affairs, Transport and Communications Division, in which division he is employed as the Chief, Research and Documentation Section, recently returned to the United States from Moscow.

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He advised that after his daughter had returned to Moscow, USSR, he and his wife moved to a smaller apartment, located at 64 West 108th Street, New York City, where they still reside. He stated that he is now employed as an Engineer XIII, by the United Nations, and is attached to the Headquarters Planning Office, Department of Administrative and Financial Services, 405 East 42nd Street, New York City. He advised that he is now making \$6,600.00 yearly.

On being questioned as to who is his superior, he advised that Mr. MOROZOV, First Secretary of the USSR, UN Delegation, 680 Park Avenue, was his superior. He, however, later changed this statement, stating that Mr. MOROZOV was an official of the USSR Russian delegation to the United States that he contacted concerning his passport and visa problems. He advised that he knew no other personnel of the USSR UN delegation located at 680 Park Avenue, New York City, and further stated that he did not know any USSR Embassy employees at Washington, D. C. He, however, stated that he was acquainted with a Mr. SOROKIN, former Vice Consul of the USSR Consulate, New York City, who he had previously seen on several occasions concerning his passport. He further stated that Mr. SOROKIN was the only member of the former USSR Consulate located in New York City that he had ever contacted.

WAIVER OF SEARCH

During the interview with VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV, he was asked if he would consent to a search of his home, 64 West 108th Street, New York City, and he declined. GUBITCHEV refused to furnish any waivers of any kind and declined to accept receipts listing the property removed from his person at the time of his arrest when they were offered to him. Similarly, he declined to sign any receipts itemizing the property taken from him at the time of his arrest and subsequent thereto.

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At 4:46 A.M. on March 5, 1949, [redacted] served with a subpoena requiring his appearance before the Grand Jury sitting in the United States District Court, for the Southern District of New York. The subpoena was served by RAYMOND WHEARTY, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, and was returnable on Monday, March 7, 1949. [redacted] refused to accept service. He was advised by Mr. WHEARTY that he had no choice as to whether he could accept or decline service.

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At 4:48 A.M., March 5, 1949, GUBITCHEV was brought before United States District Judge SIMON H. RIFKIND of the Southern District of New York in Judge RIFKIND's chambers. Both COPLON and GUBITCHEV were advised by Judge RIFKIND of their right to obtain counsel and both indicated a desire to do so. Mr. GUBITCHEV expressed the desire first to contact representatives of his government. He was advised that telephone facilities were available to him.

At 5:00 A.M. the hearing adjourned until 7:00 A.M. to allow COPLON and GUBITCHEV time to obtain counsel. GUBITCHEV communicated in Russian with the USSR delegation to the United Nations by telephone, according to his own statement. He spoke telephonically with a person whom he identified as his wife. At 6:25 A.M., March 5, 1949, GUBITCHEV received an incoming telephone call from a person whom he voluntarily described as Mr. LEONID MOROZOV, First Secretary of the USSR delegation to the United Nations. GUBITCHEV told agents in attendance that he had advised MOROZOV of his location, and that MOROZOV had indicated he would come down to the United States Court House to see GUBITCHEV.

At 6:36 A.M., GUBITCHEV was brought to Judge RIFKIND's chambers and Mr. WHEARTY advised Judge RIFKIND that GUBITCHEV had been unable to obtain counsel. He suggested that the preliminary hearing be held over until 11:00 A.M., March 5, 1949. Judge RIFKIND then explained to GUBITCHEV his right to be represented by counsel, and agreed that the hearing be adjourned until 11:00 A.M. in order that GUBITCHEV might obtain counsel. Judge RIFKIND remanded GUBITCHEV to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Investigation until 11:00 A.M., March 5, 1949, and declined to fix bail for GUBITCHEV until GUBITCHEV was represented by counsel at the hearing scheduled for 11:00 A.M., March 5, 1949.

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Following the apprehension of COPLON and GUBITCHEV upon Bureau instructions, Mr. Raymond P. Whearty, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, was brought to the New York Office. He communicated with Mr. Peyton Ford of the Department relative to the particular charges against COPLON and GUBITCHEV.

A complaint was drawn up, alleging a violation by VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV and JUDITH COPLON of Sections 371, 793, 794 and 2071, Title 18, U. S. Code. This complaint was signed by SA T. Scott Miller, Jr. in the presence of Judge Simon H. Rifkind on March 5, 1949.

At 11:00 a.m., Judge Rifkind held the arraignment, at which time COPLON'S attorney, BERTRAM ADAMS, waived hearing. Her bail was set at \$20,000.

At the arraignment GUBITCHEV still had not obtained counsel, and his bail was set at \$100,000. In default of bail both COPLON and GUBITCHEV were turned over to the custody of DANIEL J. McCARTAN by agents. GUBITCHEV was committed to the Federal House of Detention and COPLON to the Womens House of Detention, March 5, 1949. McCARTAN is U.S. Deputy Marshal.

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At New York, N. Y.

Will follow prosecutive action in the instant matter.

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W. Byron Ford  
Assistant to the Attorney General  
Director, FBI

March 11, 1949

Attention: Mr. Edward P. Hearty

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There is attached hereto the report of Special Agent T. Scott Miller, Jr., dated March 7, 1949, at New York City in connection with the above captioned matter. In accordance with the request of Mr. Hearty, one copy of this report has been designated for Mr. T. J. Donagan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General in New York City.

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Director, FBI

RE: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

JUDITH MOROH COPLON  
(see p 75 of encl)

Enclosed are ten copies (Washington Field-6) of the report of SA T. Scott Miller, Jr., dated March 8, 1949, New York.

It will be noted that both COPLON and GUBITCHEV are made subjects of this report as this report was prepared at the specific request of Raymond P. Whearty, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, to enable him to properly present the case to the grand jury on March 9, 1949.

The New York Office is putting half of the copies of this report in the GUBITCHEV file and half in the COPLON file. The Bureau and Washington Field may do likewise.

It will be noted that this report contains only information which would be of value to Mr. Whearty in presenting the case to the grand jury. Subsequently, an investigative report will be set out, setting forth information concerning technical information and collateral investigation, in an attempt to identify individuals who might possibly be operating in Soviet intelligence.

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt  
EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

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SAC, New York

Director, FBI

JUDITH COPSON

VALENTINE ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV, was.

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There follows the report of the Cryptanalysis-Translation Section of the FBI Laboratory submitted as a supplement to the Laboratory report of March 11, 1949 to your office which covered the Document and Secret Writing examinations of specimens Q44 through Q135 in this case.

No concealed messages of a cryptographic nature were found in the examination of Q44 through Q135. Possibilities of the use of subterfuge and abbreviated reminders or memory tools were observed, particularly in specimens Q44 and Q106.

Specimens Q44, a diary in the possession of GUBITCHEV, contains several entries of simple numbers at the beginning of January; Fri. Jan. 14, Wed. Feb. 16, and Sat. May 21. These entries are in a very abbreviated form. They do not have the appearance of cipher as it is usually used but look more like condensed reminders omitting any data which might reveal their actual significance. The entry at the beginning of January might be measurements in the metric system. The entry for Jan. 14 has the appearance of a summation of money or time and if it is the latter might represent time periods required for certain movements or trips which beginning at 3:25 would end at 5:50. The entries for Feb. 16 and May 21 are too fragmentary to permit valid interpretations at this time.

An entry in specimen Q44 for March 12 appears to be a time record but nothing further can be added. The items listed under Sunday June 5 appeared to the translator as commercial items but the poor script and the problem of transliteration puts the translation for these items in the doubtful category.

An observation is offered that entries in Q44 for Dec. 18 through Dec. 21 might have been intended to conceal secret payments which the subject desired to cover by the subterfuge of items purchased or to be purchased. This might fall in line with the explanation GUBITCHEV offered for cash in his possession at the time of his apprehension. On the other hand it is equally likely that these entries are innocent and represent exactly what is written there. Entries for Dec. 22 and Dec. 23 appear to be an account of funds but nothing further can be suggested at this point.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

In specimen Q106 there is an entry for Jan. 14 which appears to read "U.P. item too selective - misleading." This perhaps refers to a United Press news item with which the subject did not agree. Other

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entries for Jan. 14 are "N.Y.C." and "olives (black)." These two entries probably refer to the New York trip COPLON made on that date to meet GUBITCHEV. "N.Y.C." obviously represents "New York City" and "olives (black)" might have been entered as a mnemonic device or memory tool on the meeting in the Italian restaurant where the subjects proceeded on Jan. 14, 1949.

Entries in Q106 for Jan. 16 and July 26 consist of the notations "U.S. Birthday" which probably refers to HAROLD SHAPIRO.

An entry for Jan. 24 appears to refer to "Johnny Walker" Black Label Whiskey.

An entry in Q106 for Feb. 18 "got 2 tickets for show" may have been intended as a memory tool covering the New York meeting of COPLON and GUBITCHEV which took place on that date. On the other hand this could have been a legitimate entry for purchasing tickets.

An entry in Q106 for Feb. 24 stating "Announcement No. 157 (unassembled)" probably refers to a Civil Service examination.

Numbers in Q106 on a page marked "Earnings and Withholding Tax" appear to be serial numbers for U. S. Savings Bonds.

Translations of Russian text appearing in specimens Q44, Q52, Q57, Q53, Q76, Q74 and Q75 are attached hereto.

June 1949

Holy Sunday 5

Calumet	7.40
Rayve(?)	8.90
?	3.00 radios
Colgate(?)	6 tubes
brassieres(?)	7.90
box	
Total	27.20

May 1949

4 Tuesday 31

Lt. BLUMENDORF -- evaluate  
makes of radios

Next.

June

Wednesday 1

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| June)          | 1. everybody                               |
| July) Vacation | 2. Two couples of (four) months & 7 hrs.   |
| Aug.)          | 3. Notify SOMERS (in charge)               |
| Sept.)         | re: economic meaning                       |
|                | 4. Must buy flatiron, chocolate bars, etc. |

Thursday 2

1	—	4.45
2	—	6.00
3	—	6.45
4	—	7.35
		<hr/>
		24.25

10 places (tickets)\* for the steamboat.

\* Translator's notes.

TRANSLATION FROM THE RUSSIAN

65-58365 Q44:

January 1949

Sunday 23

Find out about ammonium salt.

January 1949

Thursday 20

buy shirts	7 pr
anklets	10 pr
neckties	6

January 1949

Friday 14

$3^{25} + 50 + 75 + 20$

Saturday 15

Take docum.

January 1949

$62\frac{1}{2}$      $145\frac{1}{2}$

February

Wednesday 16

4

February

Tuesday 1

Re fur coat

Friday 4

Ask about London

3

4

March 1949

Sunday 6

buy Galoshes

Monday 7

buy Galoshes

Saturday 12

2:05 o'clock 62 and 8.m.  
5 ev.

March 1949

Thursday 3

2 pairs

4  
6

May 1949

<sup>2</sup>  
Thursday 19

Saturday 21

29<sup>th</sup> 3

Saturday 23

an uncanceled 3 cent U.S. postage stamp.

December 1949

Saturday 31

(SCHLUDERER ?) K1 9 - 8399 7th ave subway to 242)  
ROBERT SOBLE Circle Medical Group #9-03  
Tel. EM 2-3240 41 W 72 st

MEMORANDA

Potassium Permanganate - pot. perm.  
Sulfadiazine ointment - sulfid oint.  
lunar caustic - lunar caustic

December 1949

Sunday 18

<u>overcoats</u> - fur	800
goat	250
rain	35
leather	100
	<u>1200</u>

Monday 19

<u>Suits:</u>	
black	- 70
red	65
grey	70
	<u>200</u>

Dresses - 200

Tuesday 20

shoes	110
<u>underwear</u>	65
wash. mach	- 150

Wednesday 21

radio	250
blankets	60
sheets etc	60
etc	
	<u>700</u>

Thursday 22

	Jan 12	---	110	
	" 19	---	100	
Kator. Yasha	" 23	---	45	
	26	---	130	
Kar. Yasha	Feb 6	---	61	(pos.) (could be first syllable of
	Feb 9	---	190	Embassy, or send etc.)
	Feb 23	---	150	
Kator. Yasha	Feb 19	---	108	
	March 3	---	45	

Addresses

GRIG. SAMOILUV      Kalich ?    5 sous    Mex.  
TA 3 9313            Stone.  
                     Yuri Vlad.  
SCHWARTZMAN        WI 7 - 0500  
FRAGER - "Madigan - Hyland"; 28-04,    L.I. 41st ave  
HELBURN - book store  
MYUZER (?) MO- 4-2860  
ALEKSANDROV (ALEXANDROFF) - AL - r    CI - 5-4250  
GEVORI P (N?) A    RI - 9-0136    (Ext. 8349)  
MATSON Sydney      24 Rue Kolar, Paris (7 o)  
VASYA - Station SOLNCEVO, KURSK    Oblast Milk Srmis  
FRED-vo (Representation, Representative)  
EURJAC -            260 W 39 st.    Leather overcoat  
SPIGEL -            245 W 27 st.    Goat. overcoat  
AMFORG -            331 Madison - IE - 2-8500  
UH -                405 E 42 St. NY 17 NY.  
DOCHOVA (DOCHOVA) TONYA - Street KRASNOGO KURSANTA 9 b Apt 4  
CHERPOVICH (CHERNOVICH)    Iliya Klementiev  
KOROZOVA : Moscow Oruzheiny Pl. 25A    Apt 14  
SHUENIKOV    H.55 Sushcheski Val (HILL) 22, Apt 11

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telev. Philco

Passport 12032 - mine issued 9/10/46 vis 7/3 20E  
12070 - wife's " " 203  
14665 VIOLA 4/1/48 Washington

(G SCHWARTZMAN 370 E 52 st. EV 5-5844)

EL. 5-0439 S M WOLF  
JA 3-5805 VLADIMIR

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## NOTICE

to Employee of the Secretariat of the U.N.O. Comr. QUBITCHEV,  
VALENTIN ALEXANDROVICH R/A #003 of June 29, 1946

Copy: Exchange Finance Administration, of For. Affair, U.S.S.R.

For your trip to the Secretariat of the U.N.O. you received advances to cover traveling expenses, and aside from that, Sov. foreign institution paid you for incidental traveling expenses along the way; altogether you received

Date	Place received	Name of Institution	Text	Advances & other expenses For- Exch, eign	Gold rubl. received
June 46	Moscow	EFA of LEA	Received according to certif. statement a) Amer. dollars 650.00 2445.00 b) French francs 2000.00 67.00 c) for 3 tickets <u>122.53</u> 5430.00 on spec. plane Mosc-Paris d) Advances in gold rubl.		1045
July	Paris	Embassy	Advance for travel expenses Fr. fr.	24012.00 1063.53	
July- Sept.	New York	U.S.S.R. Representation at the U.N.O.	a) Issued by cert. statement b) expense money for payment of hotel Salary from 7/21 to 9/30	201.90 1070.07 45.73 242.39 <u>624.14</u> 4635.94 <u>920.67</u>	
Total				16030.93	1045

{1734.46 have been credited to your account at the U.S.S.R. repr. at the U.N.O. to be applied to your indebtedness; this sum is equivalent to 9457.64 exchange rubles at the foreign exchange rate of 31.15 exchange rubles. 9453.79 exch. rubles have been repaid by you. You still owe the U.F.A. (Min. of Foreign Aff.) of the U.S.S.R. 6542.14 exch. rubles and 1045.00 gold rubles.

The U.S.S.R. representation at the U.N.O. reminds you once more of the necessity of prompt repayment of your indebtedness.

First Secr. Repres.  
U.S.S.R. at the U.N.O.

(sign.) N. LICHAKOV

Auditor  
(sign.) A. POLKOLZIN

NOTICE received

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(Signature)

TRANSLATED FROM THE RUSSIAN

Q52

STATEMENT

Sums paid in by Comrade GUBITCHEV, V.A. to liquidate debt contracted in traveling to place of work in the Secretariat of the U.N.O.

No	No P.P. (according to items )	Text	Entered In exchange	Equivalent in exchange rubles	Date	No of trans- fer	Re- mark
1		Paid in French francs Receipt #20	700.00	31.15			
2		Debt repaid to Representation accord, to receipt #128	929.87	4928.33			
3		Repaid to Min. of For. Aff. U.S.S.R. Receipt #128	854.59	4529.31			
		Total		<u>9488.79</u>			

Auditor

A. POLKOLZIN

Q57

Receipt #128

November 9, 1946

U.S.S.R. Embassy  
U.S.S.R. Mission  
General Consulate SSR  
Consulate U.S.S.R.

Received from QUALTCHEV, V. for repayment of  
expenses for trip to New York and expenses in New York up to November  
1, 1946.

the sum of \$1784.46

One thousand seven hundred eighty-four dollars & 46 cents.

Credit Manager

(illegible signature)

In charge of accounts

Print. "Kommuna Truda"  
order 775

Q58

Receipt #1046

Dec. 27, 1948

Received from Comrade GUBITCHEV, V. to liquidate the debt contracted  
traveling to his place of work in the Secretariat of the U.N.O.

the sum of \$210

Two hundred and ten American dollars

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Remark of subdivision

Sums 7777

Check #158

Credit manager.

Auditor

(Illegible sign.)

Q74

Service Department

The Government Purchasing Commission  
of the Soviet Union in the U.S.A.  
210 Madison Ave.

Lexington 2-8500

New York 16, N.Y.

CLERK \_\_\_\_\_ Date 12/28/46

NAME IGURITCHEV

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ AMT REC'D \_\_\_\_\_

WATCH OMEGA

1

77.00

77.00

Received

No. 3612

Q75

Dr. Rosa (Roza) MOISEYEVNA  
STAROSHKLOVSKAYA LENINORADSKOE  
Shosse #40-75  
Fourth Soviet Hosp. Surgery

Q76

1331 Madison Ave  
(corner 97 St)  
Apt 6D  
AT 9 - 4850  
N.Y.C.  
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3/29/49 *Dem*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: March 31, 1949

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

In connection with the attached communication from the Kansas City Office, I have from time to time been in touch with Mr. Ray Whearty concerning this case. He advised me that Palmer (better known as Archie Palmer), attorney for Coplon, is well known to him. He is known in New York as a bankruptcy attorney and has made a mint of money out of it. He is voluble and from Mr. Whearty's statements, I would judge an extrovert.

Mr. Whearty stated Palmer is of the Jewish race, and laughingly stated that he could be described as honest except where money was concerned. I asked Mr. Whearty if his conduct as an attorney was out of line, and he advised that to his knowledge Palmer had never been subject to any contempt and he actually could be dealt with by merely telling him, "Now Archie, 'cut out the bunk', here's what's got to be done."

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Kansas City

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, ETAL  
ESPIONAGE

DATE: March 23, 1949

*L. J. [unclear]*  
*Archibald*

On the morning of March 23, 1949 Mr. JAY BIVENS, Chief Counsel for the Aetna Casualty Company, Kansas City, Missouri, and with whom I attended law school at the University of North Carolina, informed me that he has recently read in the press that one ALEXANDER PALMER, an attorney of the New York area, is representing JUDITH COPLON.

Mr. BIVENS stated, while connected with the Aetna Casualty Company in Philadelphia, he had occasion to appear in court in some cases in which some claimants were represented by PALMER. He described PALMER as a Russian who has Anglicized his name, that PALMER is decidedly offensive, is a difficult attorney in court, and is given to making sententious remarks and usually is in contempt of court. Mr. BIVENS informed me he does not know PALMER well but his contacts with him have been decidedly unpleasant and he believes him to be an individual who is communistically inclined although of this he has no distinct proof and that he associates with persons who are so inclined. Mr. BIVENS also added that he is certain that PALMER is the type of attorney who would not appear in a law suit unless he were paid a large fee.

The foregoing is furnished for the information of the Bureau and the New York Office.

2 cc - New York

DB/hmg

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DIRECTOR AND SAC,

URGENT

JUDITH COPLON ESP-R. INVESTIGATION IN NY REFLECTS SAMUEL M. COPLON ON JUNE TWENTYSECOND, FORTYEIGHT AND ON PRIOR OCCASIONS DEPOSITED IN HIS SAVINGS ACCOUNT AT THE GREATER NY SAVINGS BANK, BKLYN, CHECKS DRAWN ON ALBANY, NY, BANKS. ON MARCH NINTH, FORTY-FIVE HE WITHDREW FROM HIS ACCOUNT BY TELLER-S CHECK ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS WHICH CHECK HE ENDORSED TO NATL COMERICAL BANK AND TRUST CO. OF ALBANY, NY. A LIKE TRANSACTION TOOK PLACE APR IL FOURTH, FORTYSIX FOR TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS. ALBANY SHOULD VERIFY EXISTENCE OF BANK ACCT FOR SAMUEL COPLON BUT CONDUCT NO DETAILED EXAMINATION AT THIS TIME. THE BANK SHOULD BE CHECKED FOR A POSSIBLE ACCOUNT OF ANY TYPE FOR JUDITH COPLON INCLUDING SAFE-KEEPING ACCT FOR BONDS OR SAFE DEPOSITE BOX.

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ALBANY ADVISED

CC: WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's coding systems.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 30, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to report of SA T. SCOTT MILLER, JR., dated March 8, 1949, at New York, which reflects the following entry in the subject's address book:



For the information of the Washington Field Office, the following is additional data secured from the Placement Service Records at Barnard College by SA PIERRE H. LE VEC, re [redacted] (formerly [redacted]).

[redacted] was born on [redacted] in New York City. She attended Hunter College High School, graduating in January, 1939. She entered Barnard College in October, 1939, and graduated in June, 1943, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, having majored in psychology. Her grades were above average.

Her [redacted] was [redacted] born in New York City, a practicing lawyer who attended the College of the City of New York and New York University Law School. Her [redacted] is [redacted] born in New York City, who attended New York University Law School and was said to be a former lawyer in October, 1939, at the time of [redacted] entrance to Barnard College. The family address at that time was [redacted] New York City, and [redacted] has two sisters whose ages were [redacted] and [redacted] years in October, 1939. In March, 1940, the family address was indicated to be [redacted] New York City.

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Barnard College records indicate that [redacted] apparently developed a cardiac condition in October, 1941, although her prior health record there had been good.

[redacted] was not very active in extracurricular activities. She was a member of the Glee Club during her four years at Barnard College; a member of the Greek Games Business Board during her freshman year; and a member of the Roosevelt Club during her sophomore year. During her junior and senior year, [redacted] was interviewed by the Placement Service Office of Barnard College concerning possible employment after her graduation, and the interviewer noted that she was not enthusiastic about a career and apparently had some conflict with her parents in that regard. It was also noted that she did not respond

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favorably to suggestions given her regarding participation in volunteer war work.

The Placement Service Records at Barnard College further reflected that while still an undergraduate, [ ] served as a camp counselor during the summers of 1939 and 1940. From May, 1941 to September, 1941, and during the same period in 1942, [ ] did office work for the Lehr Auto and Electrical Supply Company at 16 West 61st Street, New York City. A letter in her Placement Service file dated December, 1942, and signed by SAMUEL FRANK of that company, indicated that her work there had been very satisfactory. The Placement Service Records also indicate that in October, 1942, [ ] participated in a volunteer testing program at the Quinnan Clinic of the Sacred Heart School in New York City.

On December 26, 1943, [ ] married [ ] a physician. From October, 1943, until June, 1945, she attended the New York School of Social Work and received her Master's degree in October, 1945.

[ ] employment record since her graduation is reflected as follows in the Placement Service Records at Barnard College:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Employment</u>
June, 1943 to October, 1943	Research Assistant, Psychological Corporation, New York City;
June, 1944 to October, 1944	Temporary Case Worker, Foster Home Bureau, New York City;
June, 1945 to August, 1946	Psychiatric Case Worker, Foster Home Bureau, Queens District, New York City;
November, 1946 to January, 1948	Psychiatric Case Worker, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C.;
January, 1948	United States Health Service, Prince George's Mental Health Clinic, Washington, D. C.

The former addresses of [ ] as [ ] are reflected in Barnard College Placement Service Records as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Address</u>
January, 1944	[ ] New York City;
September, 1944	[ ] New York City;

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Address</u>
November, 1946	[redacted] Washington, D. C.;
March, 1948	[redacted] Chevy Chase, Maryland;
July, 1948	[redacted] Bethesda 14, Maryland.

It is to be noted that this latter address was set out from JUDITH COPLON'S address book as [redacted] Bethesda. However, it is reflected in Barnard College records as [redacted] Bethesda.

At the time of her graduation from Barnard College, [redacted] listed three faculty instructors as faculty references. They are: Dr. T. G. ANDREWS, GELOLO MC HUGH, and S. STANSFELD SARGENT. ANDREWS and MC HUGH are no longer connected with Barnard College. However, Mrs. STRATEMAN of the Placement Service Bureau believes that MC HUGH is currently teaching at Duke University. S. STANSFELD SARGENT is now an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Barnard College with an office at 416 Milbank Hall. The faculty roster lists his home address as 449 West 123rd Street, New York City.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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March 30, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

SAC Newman of Salt Lake City phoned at 1:25 today advising that the Nevada State Journal, Reno, Nevada, in the issue 3-29-49, carried an international news service story and picture on the Judith Coplon case and over the girl's picture was the caption "FBI Employee Held." The body of the story clearly indicates Coplon was an employee in the Registration Section of the Department of Justice. The editor of the Nevada State Journal is Joseph McDonald. Our relationship with Mr. McDonald over the years has been friendly. I told Newman to call McDonald and point out the error as it gives an entirely erroneous impression and Mr. McDonald will probably want to have this corrected in today's issue. Newman stated he would do this.

Respectfully,

*L. B. Nichols*  
 L. B. Nichols

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Form No. 1

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DE File No. 65-2171

Report Made At <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	Date Made <b>3/25/49</b>	Period <b>3/8/49</b>	Report Made By <b>ALBERT P. CLARK</b>	<b>VAK</b>
TITLE <b>JUDITH COPLON</b>			CHARACTER <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

**SYNOPSIS:** Informant asserts he knew JUDITH COPLON from early 1945 in connection with her work in the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice. Knows nothing of her background, activities or associates other than her inclusion in a group of individuals in the F.A.R. Section described by Informant as pro-Soviet. Group included LOUIS NEYZER, "top political analyst; DAVID BOOKSTAVER, attorney; NATHAN ELLIFF, Chief F.A.R. Section; BERNARD MORRIS, Analyst; and LEON SEGAL, translator.

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**REFERENCE:** Washington Field Office teletype to Detroit, March 7, 1949.

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

**DETAILS:** Informant Detroit T-1, who appears to be both intelligent and reliable, but was admittedly hazy in his recollection of the following details, informed Special Agent MORTIMER C. WATSON and the reporting Agent that he became acquainted with JUDITH COPLON in early 1945, at which time she was classified as an Assistant Analyst in the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, and was

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an assistant to LOUIS ~~NEMZER~~, whom the Informant described as the "top political analyst in the F.A.R. Section". The Informant is of the opinion that ~~NEMZER~~ was responsible for COPLON's employment in that Section and that COPLON had no special qualifications for the job, for which reason the Informant cannot quite understand why she was ever employed there.

The Informant stated that in about August, 1945, NATHAN ~~ELLIFF~~, Acting Chief of the Internal Security Section, Department of Justice and Chief of Foreign Agents Registration Section, announced that personnel cuts would have to be made in the F.A.R. Section. While these cuts were being considered, LOUIS ~~NEMZER~~ was, according to the Informant, instrumental in keeping COPLON employed there, even though other employees with better qualifications and longer service in the Section were laid off in early 1946. ~~NEMZER~~ used some pretext, not now recalled, to give COPLON an excellent efficiency rating, although her previous rating had been lower and would have been too low for her to have been allowed to remain when the personnel cuts took place. After ~~NEMZER~~'s manipulation to keep COPLON in the Section, he announced she would take over the work in the Slav field, which had been handled by Dr. ~~STEPHEN W. ~~MAMCHUR~~~~.

The Informant has no knowledge of JUDITH COPLON's background, activities or associates other than her apparent connection with a group of individuals in the F.A.R. Section described by the Informant as pro-Soviet. This "Clique" included LOUIS ~~NEMZER~~, DAVID ~~BOCKSTAEVER~~, a Department of Justice Attorney attached to the F.A.R. Section, NATHAN ~~ELLIFF~~, BERNARD ~~MORRIS~~, an analyst in the F.A.R. Section, LEON ~~SEGAL~~, a translator in the Section, and COPLON. The Informant claims to have had little close contact with COPLON and therefore was unable to recall any details regarding her or her work. She never gave the Informant reason to believe she definitely adhered to pro-Communist doctrines or definitely favored Soviet Russia. She had access, as far as is known, to most of the reports and files in the F.A.R. Section, but the Informant never suspected her of making use of them outside of her regular duties. The Informant expressed his surprise at learning through the newspapers that COPLON had been arrested on a charge of espionage, but asserted that not even in retrospect could he recall facts which would indicate she was so engaged when he was acquainted with her. He does recall that the other female employees of the F.A.R. Section hated JUDITH COPLON and had nothing to do with her, but he does not know the reason for this hatred.

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The Informant's conclusion that the "Clique" mentioned above was pro-Soviet is based on the following:

LOUIS NEMZER, who has been known to the Informant from some time in 1942, constantly referred to the House Committee on un-American Activities as a Fascist group and on at least one occasion stated that Director J. EDGAR HOOVER of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was a Fascist and that the F.B.I. was only after Communists and anti-Soviets and "saw things". This latter phrase was explained by the Informant to mean that NEMZER was of the opinion the F.B.I. was unduly concerned about Communist activities in the United States. NEMZER was also known to have referred to anyone anti-Soviet as a Fascist and continuously to have charged red-baiting to any stand taken by persons criticizing Communists or pro-Communist activities. Both he and NATHAN ELLIFF were heard to term members of the House Committee on un-American Activities "those S.O.B.'s". The Informant recalls having overheard

[redacted] also known to the Informant as [redacted] but whose connection at that time was not known to the Informant. [redacted]

[redacted] The Informant overheard [redacted]

The Informant recalls NEMZER always having recommended "The Hour" to the analysts in the F.A.R. Section as being a good source of information for their work in connection with registration of foreign agents. NEMZER also recommended to the analysts the Newsletter of the anti-Defamation League, believing that the charges of pro-Nazism in both periodicals were good basis for investigation.

The Informant believes that NEMZER was acquainted with ALBERT PERRY, described as the First Editor of "The Hour" and [redacted]

[redacted] NEMZER was also acquainted with one GOLD, who was with the Foreign Nationality Section of the Office of Strategic Services at about the same time. The Informant had no information as

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to Communist activities or connections on the part of GOLD and believes his full name may be BEN GOLD. The Informant also stated that ALBERT KAHN, JR., referred to above, had one ARNOLD MARGOLAN (spelling not known to be correct) fired from the OSS on a trumped up charge of being a Fascist, the exact details of which are not now known. The Informant could not connect this bit of information with NEMZER except that MARGOLAN's daughter, a Mrs. HANSEN, worked under NEMZER in the F.A.R. Section in 1942 and at one time [REDACTED]

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The Informant recalls that an investigator of the House Committee on un-American Activities, known to him as "RUSSELL", came to the Foreign Agents Registration Section in March or April, 1946, for information on one ANTHONY BIMBA, who was apparently then under investigation by the House Committee on un-American Activities but who could not be further identified by the Informant. RUSSELL was referred to LOUIS NEMZER or DAVID BOOKSTAVIER and the Informant believes that RUSSELL was not given any information and remembers that an order came down later through NEMZER that those in the F.A.R. Section were not to bother with House Committee on un-American Activities requests for information, thereby indicating that no cooperation was to be extended to members and investigators of that Committee. The Informant believes that NATHAN ELLIFF was in agreement with this policy.

The Informant recollects that NEMZER had on one occasion, recommended the registration of the Communist Party of India as falling within the provisions of the Registration Act, but the Informant feels that this might possibly have been a cover-up of NEMZER's true feeling.

The Informant also asserted that LOUIS NEMZER had formed a luncheon group composed of persons working in the East European field in all Government agencies, i.e. Department of Justice, Foreign Economic Administration, Army G-2, Office of Naval Intelligence and OSS. The Informant does not remember, however, that NEMZER ever announced a specific purpose for these luncheons and thought he may have used them as a sounding board or a source of information. The Informant does not know this to be the case.

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As to DAVID BOOKSTAVER, the Informant recalls that BOOKSTAVER was contacted in late 1945 or early 1946 by several agents of the "Pro-Soviet Polish Government" who inquired over the phone as to the necessity for their registering under the Registration Act. BOOKSTAVER intimated in his conversation with them that they should not ask him if they had to register, indicating thereby, that if they specifically did, he would have to say "Yes". He was overheard by the Informant to [redacted]

[redacted] The Informant remembers that BOOKSTAVER kept no minutes at a conference he held with possible registrants under the Registration Act, which omission was against the policy in effect in the F.A.R. Section. A political analyst was not present at some of these conferences held by BOOKSTAVER, which omission was also against the policy then in effect. The Informant believes that BOOKSTAVER operated like this purposely in order that they would have no record of what he told those with whom he was conferring.

The Informant, [redacted]

[redacted] The Informant is furthermore under the impression that BOOKSTAVER may have disposed of some correspondence relating to enforcement of the Registration Act. He could not identify any of these cases, files or correspondence involved and does not know why BOOKSTAVER was interested in the files and correspondence he arranged to have sent to him rather than to the Informant.

The Informant knows nothing specific as to a pro-Soviet attitude on the part of NATHAN ELLIFF except his close and personal association with LOUIS NEMZER, whom the Informant described as ELLIFF's assistant. The Informant recalls that ELLIFF, like NEMZER, charged "red-baiting" to anti-Communist activities and expressed displeasure with the House Committee on un-American Activities. ELLIFF often belittled efforts to more rigidly enforce the Registration Act and definitely gave the impression of not wanting the Act enforced. ELLIFF appeared to be a close friend of NEMZER in and out of the office and the Informant believes that NEMZER had much influence with ELLIFF.

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The Informant termed BERNARD MORRIS, an analyst in the F.A.R. Section, a "slave" of NEMZER and knew the two to be good friends. He could cite nothing specific but does know that MORRIS had made, over a period of time, gentle remarks against the House Committee on un-American Activities. These, and other remarks not now recalled, left the Informant with the impression that he was a "leftist".

Informant did not consider LEON SEGAL as pro-Soviet himself, but connected SEGAL with the entire group only because LOUIS NEMZER was favorable toward SEGAL and seems to have been looking out for him.

The Informant believes that JESSE McKNIGHT, who was NEMZER's predecessor as "top political analyst", was not pro-Communist or pro-Soviet but did give NEMZER, who was working under him at the time, the "run of the Department".

The Informant gave the interviewing Agents the names of two persons who were discharged from the F.A.R. Section in the reduction of personnel in early 1946 and who shared his opinions as to the "pro-Soviet Clique" there. These are Miss FRANCES BUTLER and Miss AVANZINO. He does not know where they are now employed.

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His identity is being maintained in confidence inasmuch as he furnished the information in this report on the understanding that it would not go to the Department of Justice if either LOUIS NEUMER or NATHAN ELLIFF were still there.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

Copies for New York are designated in view of Subject's trial there scheduled for April 1, 1949. One copy may be furnished to the United States Attorney unless the Bureau interposes in objection.

Copy furnished for Cincinnati for information since LOUIS NEUMER is now at Ohio State University and has been interviewed in connection with this case.

Certain portions of Detroit teletype to Washington Field Office and the Bureau dated March 8, 1949, regarding the Informant's contact with the House Committee on un-American Activities and the relating of his views on the F.A.R. Section to his supervisor in the Department of Justice are not included in view of the confidential nature of the information and the lack of connection with the Subject's case.

REPORT  
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.**

March 23, 1949

SAC, Washington

To: There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on March 24, 1949.

JUDITH COPLON  
Espionage - R

Re:

Washington

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
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65-58365  
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YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

Examination requested by: Letter dated March 23, 1949

Reference: Document

Examination requested:

Specimens: K29 One sheet of ruled paper containing a handwritten order for breakfast on March 5, 1949, in the known handwriting of JUDITH COPLON.

**Results of Examination:**

There was not sufficient known handwriting of JUDITH COPLON on K29 for an identification with the handwriting on specimen Q39 using this known specimen alone. However, specimen K29 can be used with the handwriting in the personnel file of JUDITH COPLON, K14, which was previously used to identify COPLON as the writer of Q30.

Specimen Q39 was submitted to the Laboratory by the New York Office with a letter dated March 4, 1949.

Specimen K29 is retained in the files of the Laboratory.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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REPORT  
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**WASHINGTON D. C.**

March 29, 1949

SAC, Washington

To: There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on March 25, 1949.

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JUDITH COPLAN  
Espionage - R

Re:

Washington

Examination requested by letter dated March 24, 1949

Reference: Document

Examination requested:

Specimens: Two carbon copies of 2-page typewritten 5" x 8" abstract form used by the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice, headed "General Nicolae Radescu", first page beginning "See Bureau rept. dated May 15, 1948, Re:..., second page beginning "exiled political leaders were...".

**Results of Examination:**

It has been determined that K30 consists of two additional carbon copies which were made simultaneously with a carbon copy, Q30, taken from JUDITH COPLAN'S purse on March 4, 1949 and are direct carbon copies of a corresponding typewritten original, K25, obtained from Room #2220, Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C.

Specimen Q30 was submitted to the Laboratory by the New York Office with a letter dated March 4, 1949 and specimen K25 was submitted to the Laboratory by the Washington Field Office with a letter dated March 2, 1949.

Specimen K30 is retained in the files of the Laboratory.

2-New York - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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J. Edgar Hoover  
65-5185 Edgar Hoover, Director  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI      Attn: FBI Laboratory

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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DATE: March 24, 1949

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ReWFOlet March 9, 1949, which transmitted the original data slip of Q-30, which data slip bears the caption, "General NICOLAE RADESCU". In the upper right hand corner of this data slip there appears "~~NICOLAE MALAXA~~", "M. NICHOLAS ~~CARANFIL~~", and "~~M. BARBU NICULESCU~~".

By letter of March 11, 1949, the FBI Laboratory advised it had determined that the carbon copy of Q-30, which was taken from COPLON's purse on March 4, 1949, was prepared simultaneously with and is a direct carbon of the original of Q-30 submitted by the Washington Field Office by referenced letter.

Transmitted herewith are two carbons of Q-30 which were obtained from the files of room 2220, U. S. Department of Justice Building, one being filed under the name of NICOLAE MALAXA and the other filed under the name of "M. BARBU NICULESCU".

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare these carbons with the original previously submitted. They should be retained in the files of the FBI Laboratory. They have been initialed by Mr. WILLIAM E. FOLEY, Chief of the FARA Section, Department of Justice, and by Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES of the Washington Field Office.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC WASHINGTON FIELD

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JUDITH COPLON, WAS, ESPIONAGE R. RETEL MARCH TWENTYEIGHT LAST. [REDACTED] HAS NO OBJECTION TO USE OF INSTANT MATERIAL IN TRIAL OF THIS CASE IF IT IS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT EVIDENCE. HE WOULD PREFER THAT HIS NAME NOT BE MADE PUBLIC BUT STATED THAT IF THE PUBLICITY IS UNAVOIDABLE IN PRESENTATION OF THE EVIDENCE HE WILL HAVE NO OBJECTION. [REDACTED] TESTIFIED BEFORE GRAND JURY AT SF IN [REDACTED] CASE AND SF NEWSPAPERS REPORTED SAME SO HIS ANTI SOVIET POSITION IS WELL KNOWN TO USSR. HIS OBJECTION TO PUBLICITY IS HIS FEAR OF ANTAGONIZING [REDACTED] WITH WHOM HE NOW HAS FRIENDLY CORRESPONDENCE. [REDACTED] MENTIONED IN EXTRACTED INFORMATION IS [REDACTED] THEREFORE, [REDACTED] BELIEVES EXTRACT MADE BY COPLON TO BE USED AGAINST [REDACTED] USE OF THIS INFORMATION WILL NOT JEOPARDIZE [REDACTED] INVESTIGATION OR AFFECT FUTURE USE OF [REDACTED] AS SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

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*cc-Mr. Lamphrey*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

DATE: March 30, 1949

FROM : J. E. MILNES *JEM*Time of Call: 8:45 p.m.  
3-29-49SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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PURPOSE:

To record my conversation with ASAC Belmont of New York concerning trial plans for the subject.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Belmont informed me that he had been talking to Special Assistant to the Attorney General Tom Donegan concerning the forthcoming trial of the subject. He said that Archie Palmer, the subject's attorney, and Ray Whearty had been conferring on the matter. Tomorrow Palmer will see Mr. Donegan, at which time they will discuss what personal effects that were taken from Coplon can be returned to her. They will be returned after the specific items are enumerated after Donegan has O.K.'d their return.

Tomorrow, Donegan and Palmer will go before Judge Rifkind in order to allow Palmer to obtain the Judge's permission for the subject to go to her father's funeral. In addition, Palmer contemplates asking for a ten-day postponement in order to prepare for the trial. It is also contemplated that at the end of that time he will ask for an additional thirty days. Donegan will take the position that the Government is ready to go to trial on the first of April as scheduled. Donegan was of the opinion that the Judge will take into account the fact that Gubitchev is still in jail and that the Government is bound to proceed with the trial as soon as possible.

ACTION:

None. This is for your information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

FROM : L. Whitson *LW*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was.  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 29, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
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Pursuant to your instructions, Special Agent R. J. Lamphere contacted Mr. Ken Delavigne of the Washington Field Office at 9:20 a.m., and arrangements were made for the following:

(1) Special Agent Courtland Jones and a Bureau photographer were to take photographs of Coplon's office, including close-up shots of the file cabinets in which the abstract sheets are kept. These photographs will, in all likelihood, be used as evidence at the trial.

(2) Mr. Delavigne has advised that additional known handwriting of Coplon has been obtained. This includes a copy of a letter which Bert Coplon delivered to officials at McLean Gardens in the presence of an Agent in order to gain access to Miss Coplon's apartment. At the time he delivered this letter he stated that it was a letter written by his sister. It would appear that this would be a good known specimen of her handwriting and that Bert Coplon could identify it as such if he were used as a witness for the Government. In this regard, he could also undoubtedly identify her handwriting as it appears in the Department's personnel file.

(3) Mr. Delavigne advised that known handwriting of Coplon is also being obtained from the Passport Application file of the State Department. Other handwriting is available at the City Bank and Lincoln Bank, but this would have to be obtained by subpoena.

(4) FBI Examiner Webb is preparing charts for his testimony on the handwriting and typewriting appearing in the material Miss Coplon had when arrested on March 4, 1949.

Recommendation

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LAMPHERE

FROM : MR. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON

DATE: March 28, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
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At 11:30 a.m., Mr. Ray Whearty of the Department contacted me and advised that he and Mr. Kelley are busy preparing for the trial of Coplon which is presently set for this coming Friday, April 1. He stated that some time during the week he wished to discuss the use of the abstracts recovered from Coplon and the Bureau reports to which they referred. I told him that we would be prepared for a discussion of that material. He stated also that he was interested in obtaining a blown-up chart of the area involved in the surveillance of Coplon in New York City. He remarked that a small chart had already been prepared but he wanted a blown-up one that he could use at the trial. I told him it would be prepared. He stated also that he wanted to talk to Handwriting Examiner Webb to see how the known handwriting specimens could be handled and introduced. Handwriting specimens have been obtained from the personnel file of Judith Coplon. He thought it advisable to secure additional handwriting from the State Department with reference to her application for a passport covering her visit to France. I told him this would be done. He stated also that he wanted a photograph taken of the office of Judith Coplon and a close up of the file cabinets containing the abstracts. I told him this would be done.

At 4:10 p.m., ASAC Belmont, New York, called and advised that Mr. Donegan had been in touch with Ray Whearty who had advised him that it was not necessary to prepare any summary report in this case. Mr. Whearty had advised Mr. Donegan that they were preparing a trial brief from the reports and all he needed were the Bureau reports. I asked Mr. Belmont also concerning the chart of the area covered by the surveillance, and he advised that the New York Office did not have facilities to make a large enough chart. He stated also that the investigative reports would be prepared without fail today and a Special Agent would carry them in tomorrow to be certain that they were available. He stated that the Special Agent would also bring in the charts so they could be reproduced and enlarged.

ACTION:

All investigative reports should be immediately furnished to Mr. Ray Whearty as they are received. A chart covering the area of surveillance in New York City should be prepared in an enlarged form so it could be

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utilized for illustrative purposes at the trial. The Washington Field Office shall be immediately instructed to secure for handwriting comparison purposes the application of Judith Coplon for a passport. Arrangements shall be made with Mr. Renneberger to have a photograph of the office of Coplon taken as outlined above. All phases of this matter are to be continually expedited.

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

DATE: March 15, 1949

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *LL*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

In your absence ASAC Belmont of New York called at 11:00 A.M. today and advised that Valentine A. Gubitchev had appeared before Judge Rifkind, SDNY, shortly after 10:30 A.M. today pursuant to the Court's instruction. (The Court inquired of Gubitchev as to whether he was ready to accept Mr. Hamilton as his attorney.) In response Gubitchev delivered a "speech" in which he asserted that inasmuch as the charge against him was a political maneuver to inflame the emotions of the people of this country against the people of his country, and since he didn't consider himself a criminal and, further, as he was immune to the jurisdiction of the Court as a diplomat, he would not accept Mr. Hamilton, the Court-appointed counsel.

The Court then instructed that the two counts of the indictment, counts one and three, which relate to Gubitchev, be read to him and instructed that Gubitchev plead guilty, not guilty or stand mute. Gubitchev stood mute. The Court then entered a plea of not guilty for him and set trial for April 1, and continued the bail of \$100,000.

The Court then discharged Mr. Hamilton from his responsibility as attorney for Gubitchev and requested Mr. Hamilton as amicus curia to submit for the Court's edification any information or decisions which would enable the Court to pass on its jurisdiction over Gubitchev.

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TITLE <b>JUDITH COPLON; with aliases - ET AL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

NATHAN T. ELLIFF, Attorney, Pekin, Ill., advised he supervised COPLON in Foreign Agents' Registration Section from 1-1-46 to Thanksgiving 1946. ELLIFF had been with the Department of Justice, Criminal Division, for approximately 7 years. ELLIFF knows nothing derogatory concerning COPLON, has no information indicating she had access to any information from Department files. Knows nothing of her character. ELLIFF advised he had heard his name had been given to the Un-American Activities Committee as a Communist when COPLON'S name was also given. Explains his name on list in possession of Un-American Activities Committee by stating former employee he released due to budgetary requirements, had probably for spite included his name in the list he gave to the House Committee as Communists in the Foreign Agents' Registration Section.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau teletype to Springfield dated 3-10-49.

**DETAILS:**

AT PEKIN, ILLINOIS:

The interview with NATHAN T. ELLIFF set out below was conducted by the writer and Special Agent WILLIAM C. RITT at the office of Elliff and Elliff, located on the southeast corner of the courthouse square at Pekin.

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NATHAN T. ELLIFF is presently practicing law as a partner with his father. As soon as the agents introduced themselves to ELLIFF, he remarked that he knew the purpose of the visit.

ELLIFF explained his connection with JUDITH COPLON by saying that he had been in the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice at Washington, D. C., from November, 1940, to Thanksgiving of 1946, and then had been on terminal leave, making occasional visits back to Washington from Pekin, Illinois, until he was finally dropped from the rolls of the Department in early 1947.

About January 1, 1946, the Criminal Division of the Department took over the War Division and the Foreign Agents' Registration Section, which was housed in the Hutchins Building, Washington, D. C. ELLIFF was placed in charge of the Foreign Agents' Registration Section, but he also retained his position in the Criminal Division. Inasmuch as the two sections or divisions were located in separate buildings, ELLIFF explained that he spent about two to three hours a day at the Hutchins Building and the balance of his time in the Justice Building. He made a habit of appearing in the Foreign Agents' Registration Section from about 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and again in the afternoon from about 4:00 or 4:15 p.m., to 5:00 p.m.

ELLIFF believed that when he took over the section as its Chief, JUDITH COPLON was employed there as a P-1 Political Analyst. He was unable to recall her clearly, couldn't remember nothing about her work except that it was possible that she was adept at speaking and reading the French language and he had her assigned in the French propaganda section of the Foreign Agents' Registration Section. Her job would have been to check foreign propaganda and handle the clerical phase of registering those individuals who had to be registered under the Foreign Agents' Registration Act.

He could remember nothing about COPLON'S work and advised that he had no association with her outside of office hours, could not recall talking to her even on business in the office except on one or two occasions, knew nothing about her character or moral habits, and advised that while he was with the Department of Justice supervising JUDITH COPLON he is fairly sure that she did not have access as a general rule to any confidential information which would be included in reports from the FBI or other sources which were considered important and confidential to the Department. She merely handled propaganda furnished to the Department by French agents entering or already in this country.

He suggested that if ~~LARRY KNAPP~~, former Chief of the Section of the Department, or ~~DAVE BOOKSTAVEN~~, ELLIFF'S assistant in the Section, had

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not been interviewed, they probably would be able to furnish more direct and valuable information concerning the work habits and character of COPLON. ELLIFF himself had no information to offer concerning COPLON'S loyalty or disloyalty, saying that he was not in a position to have obtained such information.

ELLIFF then volunteered the following information, advising that he had heard that his name had been furnished to the House Un-American Activities Committee as a Communist employed in the Foreign Agents' Registration Section. He had also heard that this information had not come to light until the recent arrest of JUDITH COPLON, and he desired to give his story concerning the appearance of his name on any list of names which might indicate that he was a Communist.

Shortly after the Criminal Division absorbed the Foreign Agents' Registration Section, it became necessary, due to budgetary limitations, to cut approximately fifty per cent of the personnel from the section. As a result ELLIFF, ROY ~~McCAULEY~~ and NATHAN ~~FRANKE~~, after a survey had been made of the section by the FBI, reviewed all the personnel files in the section and decided in the manner of a panel board who to retain and who to let go, using retention schedules, paying some attention to seniority and taking all factors into consideration, including that of security to the United States. Here, again, ELLIFF advised that at this time he must have reviewed the personnel file of JUDITH COPLON and still could not recall that there was anything which made him suspicious of her in the way of a security risk. In any event, as a result of this budgetary cut in personnel, ELLIFF advised that he was partially responsible for the dismissal or release of one STEVE ~~MAMSCHER~~ (phonetic).

In addition to other personnel of the Foreign Agents' Registration Section, ELLIFF recalls that of all the persons released as a result of this necessary cut in personnel, MAMSCHER was the only one who objected strenuously and apparently was very angry in a personal sort of a way both at ELLIFF and BOOKSTAYER, who was acting as ELLIFF'S assistant, and also JIM McINERNEY, ELLIFF'S superior in the Department of Justice. MAMSCHER vigorously protested to ELLIFF concerning his release, and McINERNEY advised ELLIFF that MAMSCHER also appeared before him and objected to his release. Until that time ELLIFF knew nothing concerning MAMSCHER and had had no difficulties with him and was not aware that his release had left any lasting impression on MAMSCHER or had affected the relationship between himself and MAMSCHER in any way.

ELLIFF advised that the reason he left MAMSCHER go was because it was the consensus of the panel board, which reviewed the file, that the Department of Justice would benefit more by the release of high salaried analysts, which included MAMSCHER, who, in his opinion were unnecessary because the

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bulk of the work performed by the Foreign Agents' Registration Section was more of a bookkeeping and clerical type of work. Release of high-priced analysts would allow the retention of lower salaried analysts and employees to do this work.

In addition to that ELLIFF reported that the Department would benefit by the release of the high priced analysts because these analysts, generally speaking, had the impression that they were investigators and, on many occasions would set themselves up as superior to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. ELLIFF advised that inasmuch as he had the facilities of the FBI available to the Department to assist him in his work, he figured that additional investigators were unnecessary.

ELLIFF advised that MAMSCHER, in his opinion, was the source from which the House Un-American Activities Committee obtained his name as that of a Communist in the Foreign Agents' Registration Section. ELLIFF knew that his name appeared in such a list. He stated that he knew this because he had received a call from Congressman HAROLD A. VELDE on March 6, 1949, after other phone calls had been made and received by ELLIFF with JIM MCINERNEY, DAVE BOOKSTAVAR and ALEXANDER CAMPBELL. From these phone calls ELLIFF reconstructed the following story:

At the time the personnel was being dismissed, STEVE MAMSCHER was released, and he is the one who bitterly complained to ELLIFF and MCINERNEY and was very angry over his dismissal. As a result, MAMSCHER went to the House Un-American Activities Committee and gave the name of ELLIFF, COPLON, BOOKSTAVAR and LOUIS NEMSER (phonetic) as being Communists in the Foreign Agents' Registration Section. This move, according to ELLIFF, was motivated by a resentful attitude on the part of MAMSCHER.

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, in a telephone call subsequent to publicity in the COPLON case, asked ELLIFF if he recalled an investigator for the House Un-American Activities Committee by the name of RUSSELL. Although at the time ELLIFF did not recall the name, ELLIFF has now been able to recall that RUSSELL had appeared in his office as an investigator for the House Un-American Activities Committee and asked ELLIFF, as head of the section, for confidential files of the Department which included reports from the FBI. ELLIFF refused the request and explained that it would be taken up with higher authorities in the Department, which included JIM MCINERNEY and a man by the name of McGRANNERY, for their opinion as to the release of the files. He recalls that RUSSELL was upset because his request was refused but ELLIFF can recall nothing more about his attitude or the conversation.

Subsequently ELLIFF did write a memorandum referring the request to the higher authorities mentioned and recalls discussing the situation personally with JIM MCINERNEY. On a subsequent call made by ALEXANDER CAMPBELL to ELLIFF, CAMPBELL advised ELLIFF that the Department has now found in its files the memorandum written by ELLIFF, which is referred to above, and